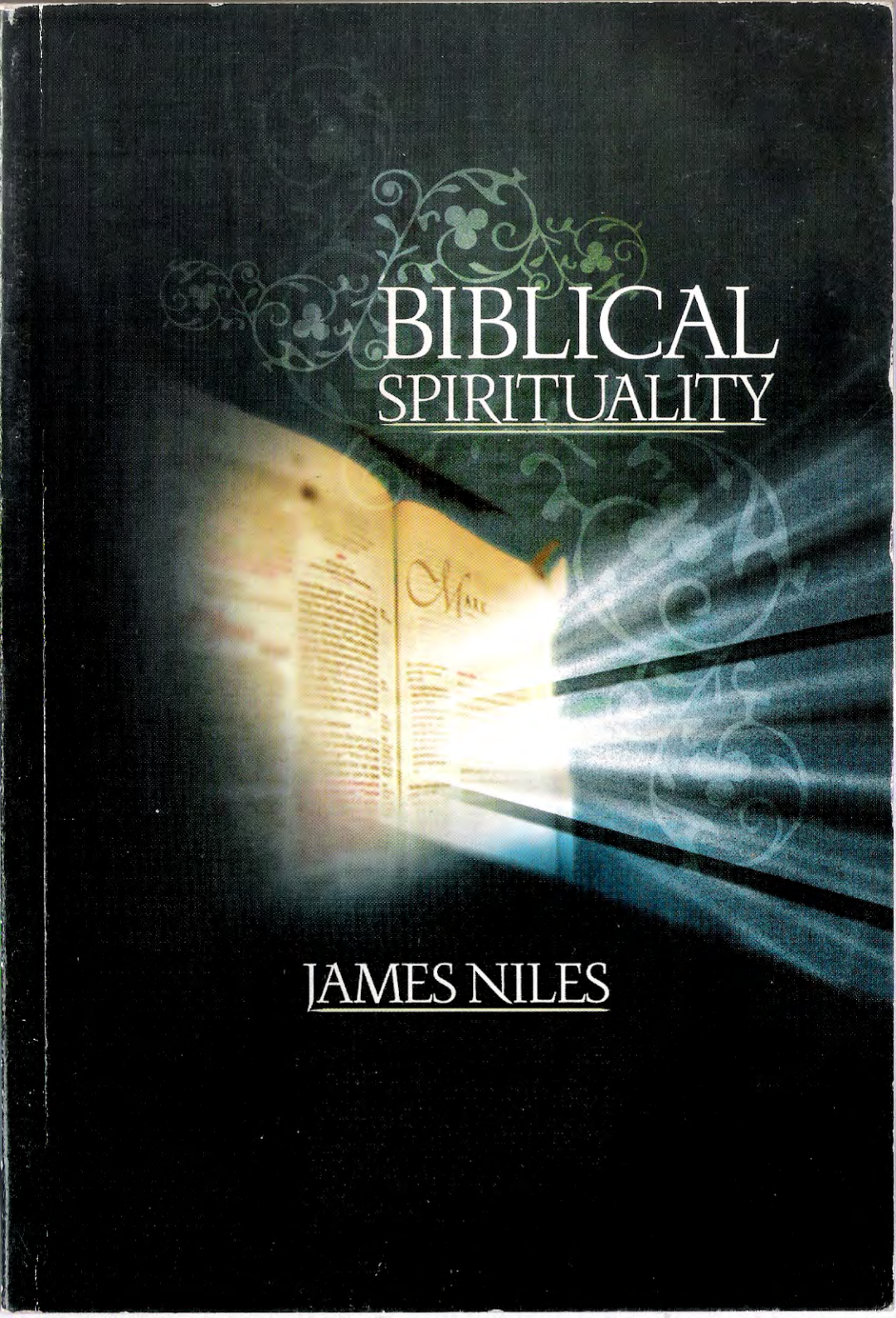
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< Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not entered the heart of man, all that GOD has prepared for those who love HIM. > - *1 Corinthians 2:9*

< A natural man does not accept the things of the SPIRIT of GOD; for they are foolishness to him and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. > - *1 Corinthians 2:14*

< JESUS answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD." > - *John 3:3*

< … If any man is in CHRIST, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. > - *2 Corinthians 5:17*

< For we are HIS workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. … Now to HIM WHO is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that you ask or think, according to the power that works within us. >
- *Ephesians 2:10 & 3:20*

< For it is GOD WHO commanded light to shine out of darkness, WHO has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of GOD in the face of JESUS CHRIST. …. We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of GOD and not of us. >
- *2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NKJV)*

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this book is to introduce the subject of Spirituality according to the Holy Bible - GOD's Word. Every proposition presented in this book is developed in Scripture. Our intent is to point to the potentials of ***true*** spirituality that unveil in GOD and by GOD ***from functions made alive in our own inward parts***.

Biblical Spirituality is sourced in GOD and, unveils in a process of salvation that involves the actual communication of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST into our inward parts of soul and spirit. Biblical Spirituality unveils in the growing formation of spiritual functions that are perfected and completed out of the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST formed in us.

True Biblical Spirituality will ultimately establish members of the human race as a people blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (of spiritual authority), in CHRIST JESUS. The Bible declares that this will lead to a ***functional administration*** suitable to the fullness of the times (see Eph 1:9-10) operating in the heavenly places (see Eph 3:8c-11).

The spiritual portals to function in the Kingdom of GOD are meant to be developed in functional realities that open within our inward parts. For this reason the LORD JESUS declared that the Kingdom of GOD was within us (see Luke 17:20-21, KJV). Access to the Kingdom of GOD is ***functional*** (see John 3:5) in form - in functions ***actualized*** in our inward parts (see Matt 5:8, 13-16). These inward functions that open us to the Kingdom of GOD unveil ***from*** GOD.

You can read this book without reference to Scripture in a first pass or, you can read it with Scripture. Scripture references are provided so that you will understand the actual flow, intent and design of the Scriptures with regards to the design and development of ***your*** inward parts in GOD's will, plan and purpose!

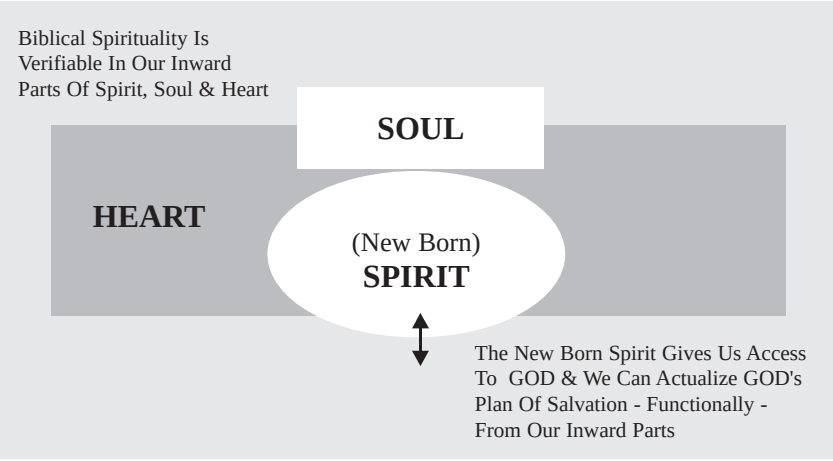
Biblical Spirituality aligns us with GOD's perfect will and, it is also a conduit for GOD's perfect will. Biblical Spirituality also arises from a living functional expression of the reality of the ***living*** GOD in our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart!

Biblical Spirituality is intimately tied to the design of man's inward parts in spirit, soul and heart. Our inward parts are designed to manifest the many-faceted operations of our being in GOD's design and purpose - under GOD's actual direction.

Our inward parts are in fact designed to grow so that we can draw ***from*** GOD **HIS** many-faceted spiritual treasures.

Biblical Spirituality arises from a new born (or, re-born) spirit man. JESUS CHRIST came to be a blueprint for a ***new*** man. Our re-born spirit man is designed to **actualize** functions developed in the life of JESUS CHRIST through the Testimony of **HIS *Words***. This actuality - given expression to in **HIS** Spirit and **HIS** Life - gives actual expression to salvation. And, this salvation is ***fully verifiable*** in spirit, soul and heart (see figure below). And, this is how Biblical Spirituality is verifiable in the actual dimensions of a **reality** that manifests and expresses a new life ***actually empowered* by GOD**!

Schematic Of The Inward Parts Of New-Born Man



Biblical Spirituality develops as GOD's plan of salvation is brought into fulfillment in our inward parts. It is in this growing fulfillment ***actualized*** that we are making the declaration that the outcomes of Biblical Spirituality are ***entirely verifiable*** from our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart.

There is a sensitivity to GOD and what HE is doing that unveils to the inward parts. And, the unveiling of this sensitivity is powered and developed ***by* GOD HIMSELF** as we each choose to respond to HIM in sincerity and truth.

Hence, Biblical Spirituality involves the development of our inward parts so that we realize our functional form and destiny in GOD. Biblical Spirituality unveils through a growing intimacy **in an actual relationship** with the living GOD. GOD reveals HIMSELF to our inward parts - in and through JESUS CHRIST (see John 14:6) in the actualities of the Testimony of JESUS established in our inward parts.

This inward revelation is designed to be *fully functional* and is thus entirely verifiable through the enabling power of GOD working within us (see Eph 3:20). Biblical Spirituality is designed to unveil the **"born again"** individual as a vessel of GOD having a growing purpose in GOD. This purpose is fully enabled in GOD and, ***fully verifiable*** in the power of GOD operating in our inward parts (see Eph 3:20).

Biblical Spirituality develops with purpose and destiny together with the unveiling of a call in GOD. Such a ***call*** is empowered with a growing array of gifts facilitated through specific anointings (or, spiritual empowerments) that ***enable*** the peculiar operation of actual functions in GOD and by GOD. Biblical Spirituality is thus revealed in an inward operating system that is aligned **by *actual* intimate relationship** with the living GOD.

Chapters 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19 of this book have been written to describe the Word-based parameters in which function in the Kingdom of Heaven is available to the children of GOD - by the SPIRIT of GOD, in JESUS CHRIST. It is of importance that we clearly understand the Word-defined spiritual frameworks of operating in the deeper realms of Biblical Spirituality - in what the Bible calls the **"heavenly places"**.

Word-defined spiritual frameworks protect us from entry into the occult, by being deceived through **self-denominated** spiritual experiences. Scripture clearly warns that satan - the father of lies, the deceiver - comes as an angel (god) of light to deceive with **spiritual experiences** that are inconsistent with the Word and Witness of GOD.

In this book we often refer to JESUS CHRIST by HIS Aramaic Name YESHUA MASHIAH. We have on occasion also used the Name of GOD YHWH, which is: **"I AM WHO I AM"** and **"I AM THAT I AM"**.

The Holy Bible expresses the **"I AM"** of YHWH in a three part personified unity of the FATHER, the WORD (WHO is the SON) and the HOLY SPIRIT. GOD reveals HIS **"I AM"** reality - in WHO HE IS and ALL THAT HE IS - to us, in distinct, personified, functional, expressions as the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.

For example, the reality of salvation is ordained and developed specifically in each one of us by the FATHER's Sovereign will and purpose for us. Salvation is expressed in the SON through the actual communication of HIS Fullness into us. And, HIS Fullness communicated saves us by making us sons of GOD through the fullness of JESUS CHRIST communicated into our inward parts.

Salvation is developed by all that the HOLY SPIRIT communicates of the fullness of the SON (the WORD Of GOD) - in the specifics of the FATHER's will - into our inward parts.

We are - in salvation - the workmanship of the TRIUNE GOD. Biblical Spirituality is the actualization of a functional state of being **fully alive *to*** the personified expressions of the TRIUNE GOD. Every function is ***by*** the HOLY SPIRIT. Every function is ***of*** the SON. And, every function stands and operates ***in*** the consciousness of the FATHER's will.

The Name **"YHWH YESHUA"** expresses the **"I AM"** actuality of GOD in YESHUA reconciling the world to HIMSELF through the specific communication of the fullness of YESHUA MASHIAH into the inward parts of man. The Name YESHUA MASHIAH expresses the reality of YESHUA as true MAN which gives credence to our creation in CHRIST JESUS (see Eph 2:10) ***in*** our inward parts through the actual communication of HIS Fullness ***into us*** (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Eph 1:22-23).

Hence the Biblical proclamation that JESUS CHRIST is both true GOD and true MAN. And, in HIM we stand before GOD through HIS Fullness as true MAN - formed in us.

Thus we can understand the Biblical proclamation that the **"I AM"** of YHWH is a personal revelation (see John 17:6, 26) that opens to our inward parts in the Testimony of JESUS (YESHUA). And, for this reason the Testimony of YESHUA is called ***the*** Spirit of Prophecy! Because the Testimony of JESUS is the basis of all fulfillment - in GOD!

Biblical Spirituality finds its ***entire expression*** - through growing fulfillment - in our inward parts in the Testimony of JESUS. In this ***revealed*** reality, ***developed*** in our inward parts, we see GOD and we come to know GOD - so as to actualize a functional totality in HIM, by HIM and for HIM. This functional totality is fully verifiable as the workmanship of GOD in our inward parts!

May the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY open the reality of **GOD-centered** and **GOD-developed** spirituality into your state of being as you come alive to HIS Word with an understanding that knows the HOLY ONE - JESUS CHRIST - WHO has described HIMSELF as ***the*** Way, ***the*** Truth and, ***the*** Life. AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-22)!

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CHAPTER 1

Man Is A Spiritual Being

1 Corinthians 15:45 reads: < **So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.** >

GOD created Adam - the first man - a ***living*** soul.

In creating Adam, GOD gave him a soul and Adam was also given the capacity to live. The "living" capacity of Adam's soul, or the soul's capacity to live, was inscribed -separately - in Adam's spirit. Genesis 2:7 alludes to this by telling us that GOD breathed the breath (or, spirit) of life into Adam and he became a "living being".

Adam was created a living being **comprised of both *spirit* and *soul***.

[Hebrews 4:12 tells us that soul and spirit are ***distinct*** and ***separate*** entities. Soul and spirit are distinct ***centers of consciousness*** with distinct functions - both of which are crucial to the wellbeing and proper functioning of man. In this book we will come to understand that the functions of these centers of consciousness are ***verifiable* in GOD**!

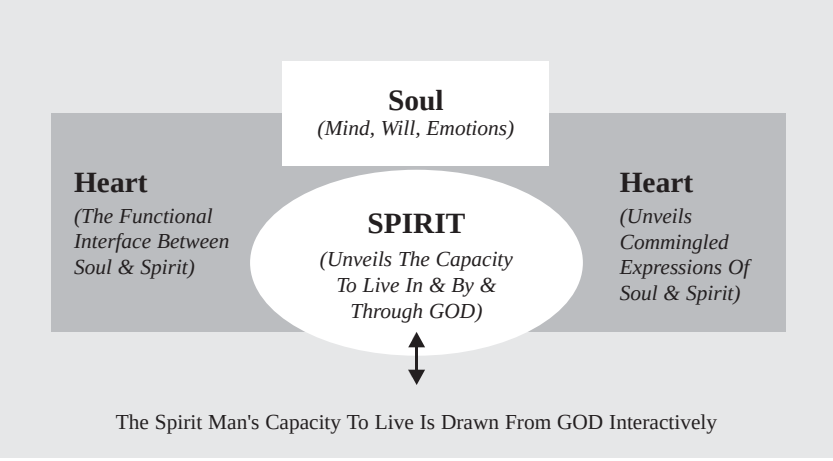
There is no concept of "blind belief" in the Scriptures. Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) says that faith has an **evidence** of the unseen. This evidence is **manifested** and **evaluated** in the inward man, through ***spiritual functions*** of the inward man **developed by GOD.]**

The spirit of Adam carried the potential to live **by GOD**. And, this ***spiritual*** capacity or potential to live by GOD was to be developed as Adam communed with GOD, and GOD actually taught him to live and function in HIS power.

Since GOD is Spirit (see John 4:24) and GOD has a Soul (see Jer 32:41c), GOD had created Adam in HIS Image (see Gen 1:26-27) as a spiritual being having both a soul and a spirit. Similarly, Adam was given a heart even as GOD has a heart (see Jer 32:41c). Figure 1 portrays a schematic of Adam's inward parts.

The heart of Adam was a functional interface between his spirit and his soul where ***co-mingled* expressions** of soul and spirit would be manifested in functional realities that GOD had the desire to develop and express as HE communed with Adam and taught him all things.

FIGURE 1: Schematic Of Adam's Inward Parts



So we see that Adam was a spiritual being with a soul whose **spiritual *capacity* and *abilities* to live** were to be ***described*** and ***developed* in his spirit** - ***from*** GOD.

Adam had to learn to actualize his spiritual capabilities - ***from*** GOD - as he responded to GOD and learned to do all things in subjection to GOD. We can understand this from the Testimony of JESUS CHRIST, the **"last Adam"**, from Luke 2:40, 52; John 5:19; 5:30.

The idea of our spirituality arises from the fact that Adam was created a spiritual being. Being a spiritual being simply means that our state of being is ***governed*** by spiritual realities - good or bad. These spiritual realities can be true in GOD or false, being for example under the deception of a fallen angel posing as “god” or, fallen angels posing as “gods” or as “spirit guides”.

Falsehood is spirituality expressed in and through a web of deception spun by fallen angels - under the jurisdiction of a fallen archangel called Lucifer (see Isa 14:12; Luke 10:18), who became satan (the devil) in his fall through rebellion. Satan and his angels reign in heavenly places over the spiritual atmosphere of the earth.

Ephesians 6:12 puts it like this: < **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the *spiritual forces* of wickedness in the heavenly places.** >

These spiritual forces of darkness came to power ***when*** Adam fell into sin. Usurping the GOD-given authority of Adam (see Gen 1:26-28) when Adam in his own free will subjected the witness of his inward parts to the words of satan. Consequently, satan assumed authority and power over the earth and its spiritual atmosphere - **“over the sons of disobedience”** (see Eph 2:2). **“Sons of disobedience”** is descriptive of all of Adam's progeny.

For this reason the Bible refers to satan as the god of this world (see 2 Cor 4:4) and the prince of the power of the air (see Eph 2:2) who operates in spiritual spheres of influence contrary to the true knowledge of GOD. For this reason satan is called the father of lies (see John 8:44, NASB).

The root form of evil stands in the ***lie*** sown into the heart of man. The lie stands in the context of a system of beliefs that stand contrary to GOD and the Word of GOD.

CHAPTER 2

Adam's Fall And Its Implications

The Bible tells us that the first man, Adam, fell into sin and rebellion against GOD when Adam contravened GOD's specific Word **to him**. In this process Adam fell victim to ***the lie*** - the root form of satan's deception. By eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, explicitly ***forbidden*** to him (see Gen 2:9, 16-17), Adam contravened the Covenant **basis** for the design, development, (proper) function and well-being of his state of being - ***in*** GOD.

The spiritual fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil opened Adam to ***the lie*** - in a relativistic reality - **based on *self-denominated* evaluations of good and evil**.

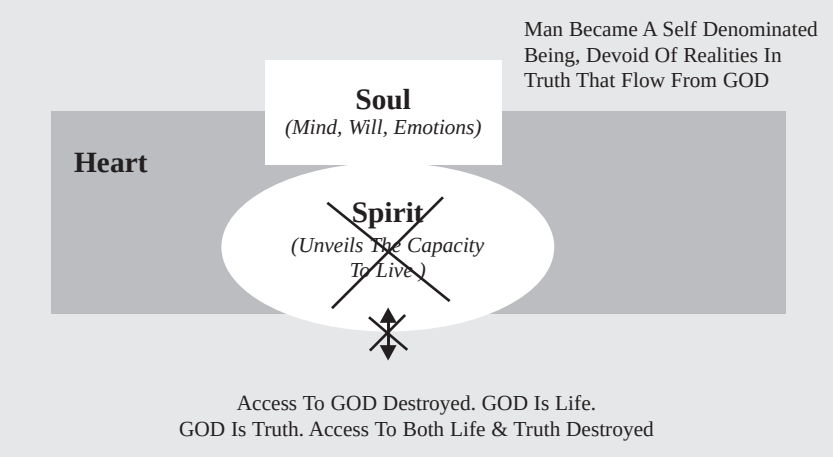
GOD had instructed Adam and warned him that he would ***surely*** die if he partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And, we see that every form of knowledge system developed in the human mind actually loses its personal relevance in us with time. Its actual relevance and applicability to us - personally - actually dies on us. Our knowledge forms do not communicate life nor sustain life.

The Bible declares that the Word of GOD stands forever. The Word that stands in accordance to WHO GOD IS and all THAT GOD IS stands in an abiding eternal reality. GOD has in fact designed a reality in truth, in which HIS Word will be formed - in growing functional terms - ***into*** our inward parts. This is the basis of Biblical Spirituality.

The result of our being opened to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is an actual emptiness in our inward parts. This emptiness testifies to the lie and the absence of meaning - in an ***abiding*** spiritually fulfilling sense - in all of our self-centered, knowledge based pursuits.

The Bible declares that when Adam disobeyed, **he died in his spirit** (see Figure 2). His being became a spiritual state of being in sin - devoid of the abiding realities of GOD. Adam lost his access to truth that stands in the abiding of GOD. Prior to his fall, Adam had been created with the capacity to actually receive the life of GOD into his being ***through* his spirit**. In his spiritual death, Adam's spirit was now ***totally*** non-functional in GOD and without access to GOD.

FIGURE 2: Schematic Of The Consequences Of Adam's Fall



Adam had been created to trust GOD and obey GOD as GOD taught him ***all*** things and, as GOD developed his capacity to live and function **by HIM**. This was the spiritual basis of the Covenant that GOD made with Adam.

In the fall of Adam, the ***capacity*** and ***potential*** to live by GOD, through all that **GOD invested *in*** Adam's spirit, was actually cut off. Consequent to his fall (through disobedience) and the emergent spiritual state of sin, Adam no longer had the ***capacity*** to draw from GOD. Adam's spirit became non-functional in GOD.

Hence, in Adam's fall, man could no longer function in his spirit - in GOD. Man's spirit was now totally dead. This death was the result of sin - specifically, **the actual and objective rejection of GOD and HIS Word**. The

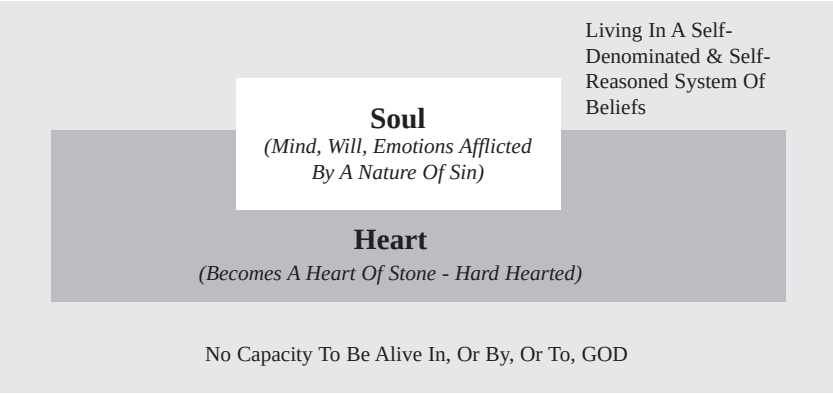
spirit of man had been ***exclusively*** designed to respond to GOD and HIS Word. When Adam broke ***the design basis*** for his spirits function, his spirit died to its ***functional*** **specifications and capacities** in GOD.

The lie received, denied Adam of all that GOD had designed for him. Similarly the Bible records the fall of the Covering Cherub called Lucifer in the reality of the lie that he developed - by faith - in himself and his self-denominated thought process. Lucifer believed that he could make himself like the MOST HIGH GOD (see Isa 14:14; 12-14).

Adam opened the door to sin when he actually disregarded GOD's Word. And, when Adam actually put that disregard into practice, by disobeying GOD - sin became a spiritual state in him. Adam became in spiritual terms a son of disobedience. Sin reigned over him in both heart and soul.

In Adam's fall, man only has the capacity to "live" by the **"I"** or **"self"** centered realities of his own soul. Without a functioning spirit, man no longer has the capacity to be alive ***in*** or ***by*** or ***to*** GOD. Man can only rationalize between good and evil on the basis of a man-centered perception of spiritual and natural realities - based on a *self-denominated* and *self-reasoned* **system of *beliefs***. This is the same system of beliefs that Lucifer had developed in his *self-denominated* and *self-reasoned* thought forms.

FIGURE 3: Schematic Of Fallen Man



Designed to function or, to operate as a ***spiritual*** being, man's functional state is necessarily based on a **system of beliefs** - true or false. [With no capacity for absolute thought, we each **necessarily** function ***by*** **belief** in something. We either believe in GOD or we believe in something that becomes a complex substitute for GOD. The complex substitute is the ***lie*** developed over the generations.]

Having disobeyed GOD, by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (see Gen 2:9, 16-17), Adam no longer had ***the spiritual capacity*** to hear GOD. Adam no longer had ***the spiritual capacity*** to see GOD and, Adam no longer had the spiritual capacity to commune with GOD. Consequently, Adam no longer had the ***spiritual capacity*** to draw ***from*** GOD ***his every need***.

Adam died spiritually and consequently, he then died in his body too.

We are all spiritual progeny of Adam's spiritual legacy of death. This spiritual legacy of death stands in the lie developed in our personal state of being through our generations.

With the fall, Adam's ***spiritual*** and ***natural*** capabilities are now ***entirely*** confined to what he could actualize in himself and perceive ***of*** himself. This was Adam's tragedy that he could now only function ***in*** and ***of*** himself!

Unless GOD intervened sovereignly through actual manifestations of the SPIRIT of GOD (as in the case of the Prophets of old: see 1 Peter 1:10-12), man had **absolutely** ***no*** **means** of drawing anything from GOD. Man was spiritually dead because he no longer had the hard wired, spiritual functional capacity to relate to GOD and to actually draw from GOD. Man's spirit man and the spiritual functions associated with the spirit of man were comprehensively dead (or, non-functional in GOD).

GOD is Spirit and man can only worship GOD and commune with GOD in spiritual realities that the Bible describes as ***spirit*** and ***truth*** (see John 4:24). Hence, the essential reality of worship is actual communion with GOD in spirit expressed spiritualities of ***truth*** realized ***from*** GOD. Truth is an exclusive attribute of GOD. The lie however, can be sourced 'freely' in any form of thought that we choose to conjure up.

Without a functioning spirit man, true worship and communion with GOD - and function in and by and through GOD - would be impossible, unless GOD chose to manifest HIMSELF unilaterally as in the case of the Prophets of old (see 1 Peter 1:10-12; and, the specific examples in Jeremiah 1; Ezekiel 1 and 2; Exodus 3 and 19).

We are saying that mankind is faced with a fundamental problem. Man needs a process of restoration - in truth - that will re-establish him before GOD, so that man can exercise his free will in truth, to actualize the transforming power of GOD for a new beginning. This restoration - by renewal and regeneration in truth - the Bible addresses as salvation.

Salvation is therefore the *essential* and *exclusive* first step to *true* spirituality. In a world where there are many kinds of self-denominated spiritualities, we have to come into the essential understanding that truth has to be sourced and developed from GOD. This is the spirituality that this book outlines from the Holy Bible.

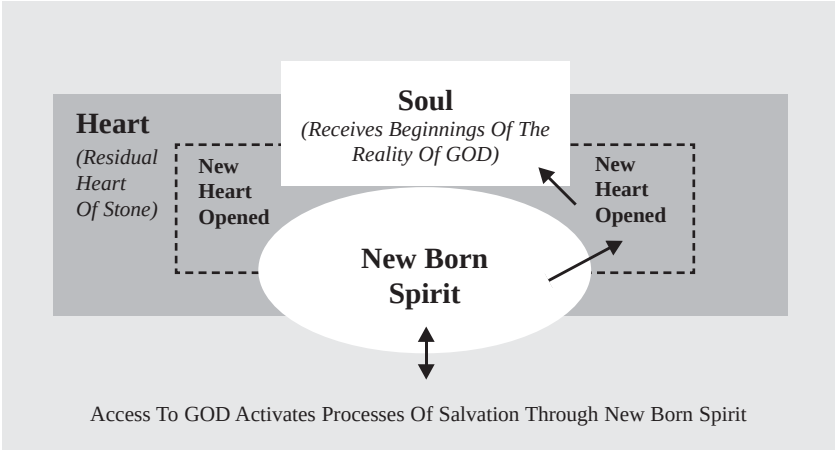
CHAPTER 3

The Salvation Of Man

Salvation is ***the*** **process** designed by GOD to actually reverse Adam's fall. Salvation unveils the actual ***creation*** of a ***new*** man (see 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; John 1:16-17, KJV / NKJV / NASB; Rom 8:28-30) commencing with a ***new spirit***. Salvation - its beginning and its development - are entirely verifiable from our inward parts.

The creation of a new man arises out of the actual configuration of a **new *spirit man*** (see Eze 36:26). This new ***spirit man*** is the essential ingredient to human spirituality as described in the Holy Bible. Man has to be "born-again" as described in Figure 4.

FIGURE 4: Schematic Of "Born-Again" Man



The progression of this creative process would involve the **renewal** and **regeneration** of the ***inward spiritual parts*** of man (see Titus 3:5; Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:17). It is important to understand that all of the inward parts of man are spiritual in nature and in the form and substance of their operation. Man is in essence a spiritual being.

Hebrews 4:12, alludes to the inward parts of our new man being comprised of soul, spirit and heart. From a new spirit, our soul is to be ***renewed*** (the **old** being made **new**) and ***regenerated*** (the **dead** being brought to **life** in GOD) in the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST and, our heart is to be developed into a pure heart designed to see GOD (see Matt 5:8). The Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST is the fundamental basis for biblical purity.

Salvation is the redemptive process with the intent of restoring and developing a new man in fully functional terms. This new man would be - ***made*** **functional** - in the ***image*** (see Rom 8:29) and ***fullness*** (see John 1:16, KJV / NKJV / NASB) of JESUS CHRIST. **The Bible presents JESUS CHRIST as the blueprint for a new man** (see Rom 8:29-30). The Testimony and Witness of JESUS CHRIST is the ***necessary*** functional blueprint of Biblical Spirituality! It is ***in*** JESUS CHRIST's revelation ***in us*** that salvation unfolds.

Hence, the biblical proposition that salvation will only arise in and through a new birth, when we - in our freewill - choose to ***receive*** JESUS CHRIST as LORD and Saviour (see John 3:3; Rom 10:8-11). This ***has*** to be so given that HE is ***the*** **blueprint** for a ***new*** man. This spiritual proposition is based on the fact that unless man receives something in his own free will it will have no meaning to him.

The redemptive processes of salvation commence with a new birth (see 1 Peter 1:23; John 3:3). This new birth is **actualized** in us receiving a new spirit man and the beginnings of a new heart (see Eze 36:26) through a declaration of belief in JESUS CHRIST as LORD and Saviour (see Rom 10:8-11).

GOD facilitates this belief by grace (see Eph 2:8). And, GOD progresses salvation into our inward parts through the new born spirit man - by grace (**HIS** unmerited favour towards us).

In being born again - through faith in JESUS CHRIST (see Rom 10:8-13; Joel 2:32a) - we have been given the opportunity of actualizing a **new spirit** (and

the beginnings of a new heart) as prophesied by the prophet Ezekiel (see Eze 36:26). This new spirit is the essential ingredient to the **actualization** of the processes of salvation. The new heart grows out of all that flows into our spirit, replacing the heart of stone in rebellion to GOD (as noted in Figure 4).

With this new spirit man, we will be able to **see** (see Prov 20:12) the Kingdom of GOD (see John 3:3). We will - in partnership with the HOLY SPIRIT and the hearing of the Word and Voice (Witness) of GOD - be enabled to ***enter*** and *function* in and from the Kingdom of GOD (see John 3:5; Rom 10:17; Eze 1:24; Rev 1:15; Heb 6:19; Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Gen 22:14). Such a reality would be ***fully*** **verifiable** from our inward parts!

With a new spirit man, GOD unveils the redemptive processes of salvation into us. And, GOD works the redemptive processes of salvation into us in an eternal continuum of renewal and regeneration (see Titus 3:5-6; Eph 5:26-27). Renewal and regeneration will result in our new man actualizing our potentials, in and by and through GOD. These potentials come into being ***from*** GOD, through our re-born spirit man.

The Bible (in 2 Cor 5:17) declares the following: < **Therefore if any man is in CHRIST, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.** > These new things come through our new born spirit - ***from*** GOD!

The redemptive process is progressed, as we - from our soul - learn how to function through our spirit in oneness with the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD (see 1 Cor 6:19, 17; 2 Cor 3:17-18). The soul makes the necessary choices, in the exercise of our freewill in response to GOD and HIS Word.

Our new spirit (or, re-born spirit man), our renewed and regenerated soul, and our new heart would be developed in a process of salvation that would develop and establish a new man in the image and fullness of JESUS CHRIST (see John 1:16-17, NASB/KJV/NKJV and Rom 8:29, 28-30).

This new man will **develop** through a growing ***spirit***, a renewed and regenerated ***soul*** and, an increasingly pure ***heart***. The development and establishment of the new man - in fully functional terms - is the progression of the redemptive process of salvation. Such a functional state will be - increasingly - in the image and fullness of JESUS CHRIST.

It is in the progression of our salvation that we would actualize the **growing *evidence*** of our faith in GOD. Such a faith will also enable us to function in and through JESUS CHRIST (see John 14:12-14; Heb 12:2a).

Such a faith will be ***entirely* verifiable** in fully functional terms arising from our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart!

It is crucial to understand that Biblical Spirituality is verifiable in actual changes in character and nature through the power of GOD. It is ***the power of GOD*** being actualized in ***actual*** GOD-enabled changes that is the basis of functional Biblical Spirituality.

This evidence would be entirely verifiable in the changing and growing state of our being. We would be able to evaluate the progression of GOD's salvation from our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart. The GOD-empowered and GOD-enabled ***actual*** changes realized would be the evidence of salvation *and its progression*.

And, it will be an evidence of the power of GOD revealed - ***personally***. And, these changes in the inward parts and **the resulting *functional* changes** would also enable us each to **actualize** the reality of GOD. The progress of our salvation becomes the essential basis of **realizing** and ***actualizing*** a relationship with GOD.

This relationship will also give expression to **actual functions** in GOD from our inward parts. We will access the spiritual dynamics of the Kingdom of GOD and (potentially) even the heavenly realms of the Kingdom of GOD (called the Kingdom of Heaven) through our inward parts.

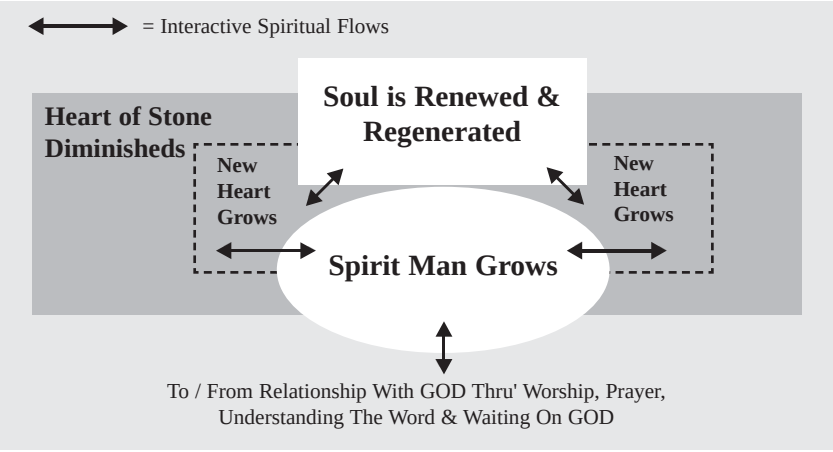
Ultimately, the ability to actually function **by GOD** would become the growing evidence of a new, functional state of being (see Phil 4:13, 19, 23; Rom 8:2). This would be function through an on-line relationship with GOD that will express itself in all of our spirit, soul and heart!

What can be more real than that which has the potentials to impact *all* of our own spirit, soul and heart? "*Our own* spirit, soul and heart" is the spiritual framework in which Biblical Spirituality develops and progresses.

The relationship with GOD - arising from our inward parts - becomes a fully functional basis of life actualized ***from*** GOD! In the actuality of salvation and

all that derives from this salvation, the fall of man has been and, is being, and will be - ***fully reversed***. AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-23)! This is the good news of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST!

FIGURE 5: Schematic Of The Progress Of Salvation



This is good news with a GOD-given evidence of its reality (see Figure 5)! This is GOD-given evidence because the outcomes of salvation are entirely beyond the technologies of man! The outcomes of salvation are also beyond the practices of man-denominated religion.

The evidence of salvation unveils ***from*** a Sovereign GOD WHO loves, forgives, heals, delivers, restores, builds and develops - in persevering, meticulous detail - a new man. This is the GOD WHOM I have known and experienced in my life and ministry for some 18 years now.

This is the GOD WHOSE Word has manifested actual change and transformation into my state of being - even as HE has in HIS grace and mercy chosen to perform HIS Word in my inward parts. HE has and HE continues to persevere with me in the progress of my salvation - in HIS grace and mercy.

Salvation unfolds in the pursuit of GOD. **The pursuit of GOD** is the essential key for the actualization of true Biblical Spirituality. This Key the Bible prophetically addresses as the Key of David (see Rev 3:7).

The Key of David is the spiritual Key that unveils and develops as YESHUA MASHIAH unveils as the BELOVED of our heart - in our own free will response to HIM and, in our actualization of HIS Testimony that manifests the specifics of salvation into our functional state of being.

CHAPTER 4

The Basis Of Salvation

In order to facilitate the redemptive processes of salvation, the Scriptures declare that the **"last Adam"** - JESUS CHRIST (YESHUA MASHIAH) - became a ***life-giving* Spirit**, as noted in 1 Corinthians 15:45.

The life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST is ***the* spiritual 'genetic' blueprint** for a new man. The genetics of true Spirituality is contained ***entirely*** in the life-giving **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST! ***True*** Spirituality is ***of*** the Spirit and Life ***of*** JESUS CHRIST!

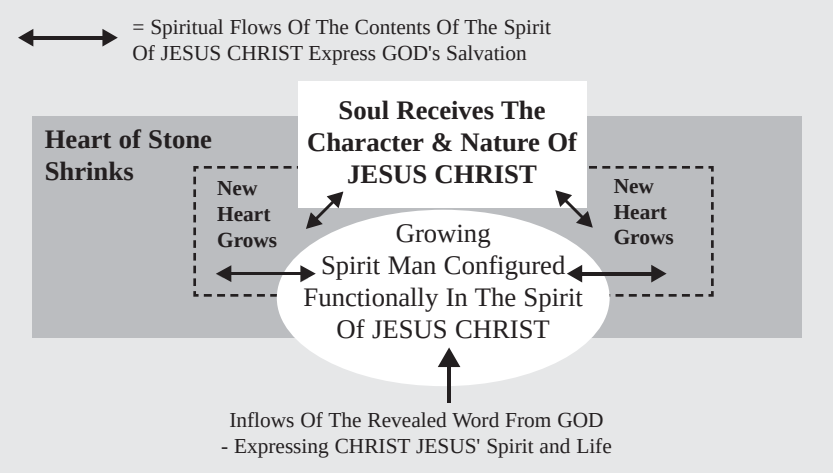
Our new man will be brought into being in the image and fullness of JESUS CHRIST through the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST worked into our functional state of being - through Word expressions of HIS Spirit and HIS Life (see John 6:63). This is what the redemptive processes of salvation are **designed** to ***actualize***.

Figure 6 summarizes the salient features of our salvation progressed through the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST.

The spiritual genetic blueprint of the life-giving **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST has the potential of becoming a fully functional reality in the inward parts of man - **enabling every function of man's spirit, soul and heart** to be developed and ***made*** functional in JESUS Name (see John 14:12-14; 16:13-15)! Hence, the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST is the exclusive ingredient of Biblical Spirituality.

Romans 1:3-4 reveals the following about the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST, GOD's SON: < **concerning HIS SON, WHO was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, WHO was declared the SON Of GOD *with power* by the resurrection from the dead, according to the *Spirit* of Holiness, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.** >

FIGURE 6: Schematic Of Salvation Progressing Through The Life-Giving Spirit Of JESUS CHRIST



[The reality of GOD's SON - as the MESSIAH or ANOINTED ONE - was proclaimed in Old Testament Scripture hundreds of years before the advent of JESUS CHRIST. For example in: Proverbs 30:4c, 1-4; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13-14; and, Psalms 2:12, 1-12.

The reality of JESUS CHRIST being GOD's SON, sent to fulfill in prophetic terms the position of sonship - to GOD - for the sons of men, is also proclaimed in numerous New Testament Scriptures of the Holy Bible.]
In HIS crucifixion and resurrection, JESUS CHRIST - GOD's SON (see Rom 1:4) - fulfilled the requirements of the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:17-18; Rom 3:21-23, ***KJV***) on behalf of all mankind - **by giving expression to the Spirit of Holiness** through the actualities of HIS life, ministry and ***sacrifice*** in HIS MANhood.

Hence, the final words of the Cross (see John 19:30; Luke 23:46) : < **It is finished. … FATHER into THY Hands I commit MY Spirit.** >

In raising JESUS CHRIST from the dead, **GOD *vindicates* the sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST** on behalf of all mankind by declaring **HIS Spirit** -

CHRIST JESUS' Spirit - as being the living expression of **the Spirit of Holiness**. Holiness is the fulfillment of the Law. Holiness is the pre-requisite to the fulfillment of the Prophets. Holiness is the highest attribute of GOD. Holiness is the spiritual attribute - communicated by the Spirit of Holiness - by which, we are aligned to the will of GOD!

In this Spirit of Holiness, Biblical Spirituality finds both its ***positional*** and its ***functional*** **credence** before a Holy GOD - WHO abhors sin.

Romans 1:3-4 tells us that JESUS CHRIST was declared the SON Of GOD - ***with power*** - **according** to the Spirit of Holiness. HIS Spirit was declared to be the Spirit of Holiness and, HIS Spirit will become the basis for man coming forth **in holiness *unto* GOD**. Hence man can become actual functioning sons of GOD by being perfected and completed in the Spirit of Holiness.

Such an actuality of man being holy unto GOD would be the fulfillment of the Law. In being holy unto GOD, man would also be in a position to realize every blessing pronounced over man in the Prophets and this would actualize the ***functional fulfillment*** of the Prophets in each one of us.

The Prophets comprise GOD's call upon our life, HIS appointed purposes (personal, corporate and cosmic), HIS promises, HIS blessings, HIS giftings, HIS anointings, our actualized functions in HIM, HIS workmanship in us etc.

In HIS resurrection, the **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST is being described as **the Spirit of Holiness**. And, the **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST is being described as having been invested with power. The intent is **to manifest men** into positions of sonship to GOD in fully functional terms. This is what is at the heart of Biblical Spirituality.

The **life-giving power** invested ***in*** the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST becomes the basis and ***conduit*** of all that will give expression to a new man (see Eph 2:10) - in ***functional*** holiness unto GOD! The **"power invested, Spirit of JESUS CHRIST"** is designed to actualize - when ***imparted*, perfected and *completed***, in a **new** man - the plans and purposes of GOD ***for us each*** in fully functional terms, both individually and corporately.

In the light of the foregoing, we must understand that becoming a new man is a deeply ***personal actualization*** of Biblical Spirituality in each man's life and being. And, this 'new man' also has the intent of giving expression to a ***new*** mankind in a composite unity that will express the glory of GOD (see Rev 21:9-11; Eph 1:3-6, 9-10; 3:8c-12, 14-19).

The design of the **new** man and, the plans and purposes of GOD for this new man, would unveil - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14; 13-15) - ***from*** the life-giving **'contents'** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST.

The Spirit of JESUS CHRIST is **the *spiritual* genetic blueprint** for a new man. The spiritual ***contents*** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST, is what will express the new man.

The actualization of the life-giving Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA (CHRIST JESUS) - in our new spirit - would be the ***exclusive*** and ***fundamental*** basis for the progression of our salvation (see John 14:6).

Our salvation is progressed on the basis of actualizing the spiritual ***contents*** of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST as illustrated in Figure 6!

The Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA is the exclusive spiritual blueprint for the new man being developed through the redemptive processes of salvation.

The redemptive processes of salvation **unveil *in the contents*** of HIS life-giving Spirit.

The contents of the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA are by definition ***life-giving*** (see 1 Cor 15:45c) - giving actual expression to ***new*** life. The contents of the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA are the basis - and are the exclusive ingredients - of all change and transformation. The contents of the Spirit of CHRIST JESUS give credence to our salvation being **actualized** in a ***new man***!

The *Spirit* Of JESUS CHRIST (the Spirit of YESHUA MASHIAH) is GOD's ***provision*** and ***supply*** (see Phil 1:19c, NASB/NKJV) - ***with power*** - for the development of the new spirit man (see Eze 36:26; Eph 3:20) so that man will come to live with the ***potential*** to do all things (see Phil 4:13) through MASHIAH YESHUA.

Man will live in, by and through all that is actualized from the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see John 3:34, NASB).

The potential to do all things is designed to unveil the riches of GOD's glory through JESUS CHRIST (see Phil 4:19; Rev 21:9-11) ***by*** HIS life-giving Spirit.

The Spirit of JESUS CHRIST has the life-giving power to - when developed in us - ***do* all things** as we are led by the HOLY SPIRIT. In this way we are developed in our being, to accomplish the FATHER's will (see John 16:14, 13-15; Eph 1:9-14)!

The actualization of the (growing) ***ability*** to do all things in the FATHER's will is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. This "growing ability" ***comes out of*** the actual spiritual contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST.

The ***potential*** for (and the ***actuality*** of) the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is **entirely *in*** the contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Matt 5:17-18; Phil 1:19c, NASB/NKJV)! And, ***in*** the contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST salvation is **entirely possible** and **eminently *practicable***!

And, the Law and the Prophets are brought to fulfillment **in us** as the contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST are worked (and developed) into the specifics of the actual functions of our spirit, soul and heart.

The contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST ***come from*** HIS Testimony from birth, to HIS growth to adulthood in obedience to GOD, to HIS Ministry and lifestyle in GOD, through HIS Sacrifice and, the vindication of HIS Testimony through HIS resurrection from the dead - by GOD.

In the flow of history, the Testimony of JESUS CHRIST stands as the exclusive Testament of victory over death - actually vindicated **by GOD HIMSELF**!

The Testimony of JESUS is thus the exclusive basis for the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The Testimony of JESUS communicates through HIS life-giving Spirit!

Salvation grows and develops as the Testimony of JESUS is developed into our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart. How does salvation come about and develop in us?

CHAPTER 5

Salvation Develops From The Seed Of Christ

The *Spirit* of JESUS CHRIST is given to those who are born again (see John 3:3, 5) through **the implanted *Seed* of CHRIST** (see Gal 3:16; James 1:21b). What is given through the Seed of CHRIST is the "first fruits" or, the "beginnings" of new life for actual development in the Testimony of JESUS.

The ***Seed*** of CHRIST (the Anointed One) is the ***Seed*** of GOD the WORD (see Ps 45:6-7; John 1:1-4; Ps 97:11) called the Seed of the WORD (see 1 Peter 1:23; John 1:14, 16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Rev 19:13b) implanted in us (see James 1:21b) and brought to life - or, spiritually **'germinated'** - in our inward parts, through the work and ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14; 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB).

The Seed of CHRIST is the Seed of the WORD (see 1 Peter 1:23) that is to **become flesh** in us - in a ***growing*** heart of flesh (see John 1:14, 16-17, ***KJV/NKJV/NASB***; Eze 36:26; 2 Cor 3:3, ***NKJV***; John 6:51). In this heart of flesh we become epistles of CHRIST (see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Eze 36:26) and ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV).

The ***implanted*** Seed of the WORD communicates the ***essential*** blueprint (or, the first fruits) of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST into our dead spirit and, **our dead spirit is genetically *re-born* a new spirit**. The "image" of JESUS CHRIST is genetically manifested into us for the beginning of all things in GOD for us - personally.

We are born again when the Seed of CHRIST is first implanted in us as GOD responds (see Heb 11:6c) to our faith in JESUS CHRIST - as we declare JESUS CHRIST to be our LORD and Saviour (see Rom 10:8-13) under the inspiration of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:7-9, 13-15).

[A simple **spoken** prayer spoken with sincerity and expectancy from our heart - expressing actual hope in HIM - along the following lines, will open the doors of salvation to our inward parts: < **LORD JESUS, I acknowledge that I am a sinner, having inherited the sin nature of Adam. I have sinned in thought, word and deed - in character and nature - in the wrong that I have done and in the right that I have failed to do. I understand LORD JESUS CHRIST that YOU are the Savior of the world. I thank YOU LORD for choosing to save me by washing my sins in YOUR Blood. I receive YOUR atoning sacrifice on my behalf. And, I receive YOU as my LORD and Savior. Please come and reign in my heart and bring me into the actualities of YOUR salvation. LORD, give me a new spirit and create in me a new heart. Remove my heart of stone and give me a pure heart. Manifest THY Nature and Character into my soul that I may be transformed in truth to become an actual child of GOD. Amen. >]**

Through our faith in JESUS CHRIST - ignited and enabled by GOD HIMSELF - GOD releases the potentials of HIS economy of salvation into us (see Eph 2:8). GOD develops this economy of grace - ***in*** the faith and love of JESUS CHRIST (see 1 Tim 1:14) ***for us*** - ***in*** and ***from*** our inward parts.

This economy of grace operating in us is the operating system of Biblical Spirituality. The new birth expresses the germination of the Seed of CHRIST in our dead spirit - bringing it to life through actual communication of the contents of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST into us.

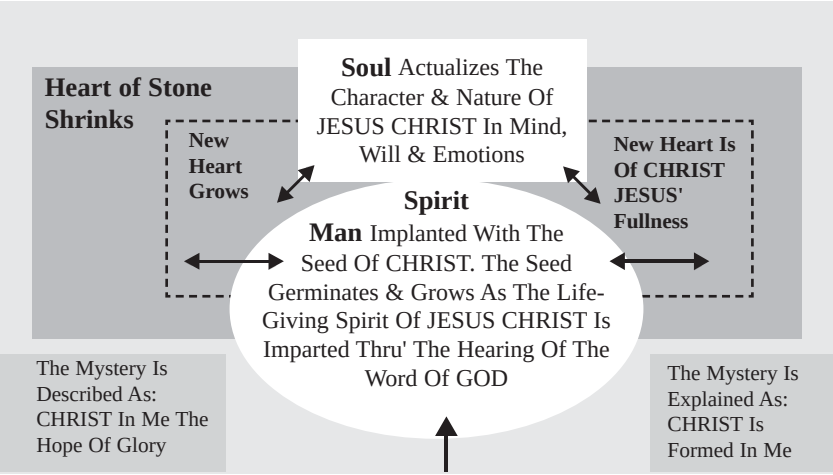
The quickening of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST into our dead spirit is the exclusive work of the HOLY SPIRIT. In this quickening, the contents of the Seed of CHRIST are manifested in us or germinated in us as the first fruits of a new beginning.

We are ***actually*** re-born or, born again. New spiritual realities ***from* GOD** open ***in us***!

Being born again is a complex spiritual reality. The complexity is 'genetically' configured in the Seed of CHRIST, specifically designed for our inward parts according to GOD's purpose / design for our life in eternity.

This (spiritual) 'genetic' complexity is described in the Bible as the **Mystery of CHRIST** (see Col 1:26-29; Eph 3:3-4, 8c-12). The simplified schematic of the Mystery of CHRIST is depicted in Figure 7.

FIGURE 7: Schematic Of The Mystery Of CHRIST



An example of the contents of this Mystery would be that the Seed of CHRIST 'contains' the blueprint to actualizing the astonishing realities of **the faith *of* JESUS CHRIST** - expressed for a lost humanity in HIS life, HIS ministry, HIS sacrifice through the cross, HIS resurrection and in HIS position at the right-hand of the power on high.

[When seen from the perspective of HIS Faith, the Seed of CHRIST is in one sense therefore, **the Seed of *MASHIAH YESHUA's faith*** (see Gal 2:16, ***KJV*** and 3:22, ***KJV***).

The Seed of CHRIST that stands in HIS faith is designed by GOD - from the foundations of the earth - for our ***unique*** realization in a new man to be built and developed in **the image** (see Rom 8:29-30) and **fullness** (see John 1:16-17) ***of*** JESUS CHRIST (see John 14:12-14) through **HIS faith *revealed*** and ***developed*** in us.]

Similarly, the Seed of CHRIST also contains the spiritual reality of HIS Love, HIS Nature, HIS Character, HIS attributes of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Strength, Courage, Truth, etc. Each of these realities - and the many more realities not mentioned - have the potential of being developed and established in us creatively.

And, with the planting and germination of the Seed of CHRIST in our inward parts, a new ***spiritual universe*** of reality - configured in the Testimony of YESHUA (see Rev 19:10c) - opens into us as a blueprint of creative potentials, capacities and possibilities, in MASHIAH YESHUA (see Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Peter 1:19).

With the germination of the Seed of CHRIST, all the potentials of YESHUA are available to us through the ***actual*** communication of HIS Testimony into us. This is the Testimony of **HIS Words** that Scripture records (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33; Rev 19:13b).

So for example, the faith of JESUS CHRIST - coming alive in us - has the potential of being perfected and completed into us, so as to increase our faith levels **for all things** ***available to us in the Righteousness of GOD***!

And so, we are reminded of the LORD's declaration to us that nothing - consistent with the will and plan of GOD (see Phil 2:13; Eph 1:9-11) - will be impossible to us (see Matt 17:20).

Understand that the dynamics of Biblical Spirituality are based on propositions like this - made in the Word - that nothing in the will and purpose of GOD will be impossible to us because they are configured in us through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13)! The configuration comes about as CHRIST is formed in us (see Gal 4:19).

The configuration of CHRIST in us is the actual revelation of the Mystery of CHRIST in us! As CHRIST is formed in us, the Mystery of CHRIST specific to our state of being, and its specific functionality in GOD, is expounded into our state of being!

The Seed of CHRIST implanted in us, germinates and grows in us even as we hear (and receive) more and more of the Rhema (or, “quickened”) Word of GOD (see Rom 10:17, KJV+NKJV; Matt 13:23; Mark 4:20).

Being born again is the **'first fruits'** of the evidence of our faith in YESHUA MASHIAH as LORD (YHWH ADONAI), **being rewarded** (see Heb 11:6) with **the first fruits of the faith and love *of* JESUS CHRIST** towards us (see 1 Tim 1:14) opening us to new realities in GOD and of GOD! These new realities in GOD and of GOD come out of the faith and love of JESUS CHRIST for us.

The evidence of our faith in JESUS CHRIST, and the release of HIS faith (and HIS love, Nature, Character etc) for us - **into us** - **is the basis of the actual birth of our spirit man**. And, this foreshadows our continued growth and development in CHRIST JESUS!

As 2 Corinthians 5:17 declares: < … **Behold new things have come**. > These new things have come ***in*** the contents of the ***life-giving*** **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST.

Understand that the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST communicates an astonishing array of attributes described in the Testimony of JESUS such as character, nature, power, obedience, wisdom, authority, knowledge, understanding, counsel, truth, strength, faith, love, righteousness, holiness, courage, spiritual insight and, spiritual functions developed in the HOLY SPIRIT etc.!

Our spirit man is birthed through the release of the contents of the Seed of the WORD - through the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA (see John 6:63) - into our spirit man, by the HOLY SPIRIT. This is why the Christian faith must be exclusively founded on, and be exclusively developed in, the Testimony of JESUS.

This is why the Testimony of JESUS is called ***the*** Spirit of Prophecy (see Rev 19:10c)!

The Seed Of The WORD is the Seed Of MASHIAH YESHUA's faith (the seed faith of HIS Testimony) that will enable all things consistent with the FATHER's Will to come alive in our state of being - in a ***potential*** that stretches into ***eternity***!

The Seed of MASHIAH YESHUA's faith ***gives birth*** to a new spirit within us. This new birth comes from the contents of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Phil 1:19c, NKJV+NASB). And, we are supernaturally opened to GOD and HIS Kingdom realities (see John 3:3, 5) from our inward parts.

We also become - by spiritual birth - citizens of the Kingdom of GOD! From this spiritual birth an access into the ***operating realities*** of the Kingdom of GOD can be developed in our inward parts (see John 3:5; Heb 6:19; 12:22-24).

Our new spirit is designed to ***actualize*** MASHIAH YESHUA's Spirit and Life so that the supernatural realities of GOD and HIS Kingdom will open - and be developed - in the ***functioning*** of our inward parts.

Biblical Spirituality is the exercise of our citizenship of the Kingdom of GOD by actually expressing the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST from our inward parts into the ***operations*** of the Kingdom of GOD.

[Our soul is able to discern - through our new and empowered spirit man - the realities of GOD and HIS Kingdom. Hence, the realities of GOD and the dynamics of HIS Kingdom also open and develop in the realities of our mind, will and emotions - as we choose to respond to what our spirit actualizes!]

This is the actualization of HIS life-giving Spirit so that we will be ***increasingly transformed*** and ***enabled*** to do *all things* through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13, KJV)! The potential to be enabled to do all things - in line with GOD's will - is an exciting aspect of Biblical Spirituality that we can possess in CHRIST JESUS.

[We are born again when the Rhema Word of the LOGOS (WORD) Of GOD is opened into our spirit as ***the*** Seed 'germinated'. What happens is that, the Rhema - or Spirit and Life (see John 6:63) communication - of the Logos Word of CHRIST, crystallizes in us as the implanted Seed of CHRIST germinates (or, comes to life) in us.

When the Seed of CHRIST germinates genetically in our inward parts we are born again and, our spirit man is configured in the will of GOD in accordance to HIS purpose for us! Sometimes this spiritual germination of our spirit is instantaneous and sometimes it is gradual.

The Seed of CHRIST is the Logos Word (see Luke 21:33) of the LOGOS WORD HIMSELF (see John 1:1-4) implanted into us, by Rhema Word communication (see John 6:63) made through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14, 13-15).

When the Seed germinates and the new birth has taken place, **we are in a position *to continue to receive* of the Spirit and Life communication**, by the hearing of the Rhema Word of GOD (see Rom 10:17; John 6:63). The

hearing of the Rhema Word opens a growth ***continuum in eternity*** to our inward parts! That's exciting!

Consequently, through the hearing of the Rhema Word, **the *capacity* of our spirit man is increased**! The potentials of the Word of GOD being released into us in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH are ***actually limitless*** (see 2 Peter 1:19) because its contents are limitless in GOD and, also because the growth process develops in eternity!]

Through JESUS CHRIST, by the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT, through the new birth, GOD has given us a ***functional*** spirit man. And this spirit man is to function ***entirely*** by the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST that GOD has given us.

Please be reminded that Philippians 1:19c (NASB), tells us that GOD gives us **"the *provision* of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST"**. The NKJV speaks of **"the *supply* of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST"**. This provision and supply ***of*** (and ***in***) the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST enables us to grow and develop in eternity - in the grace and love of GOD our FATHER!

The provision and supply are in the actual contents of the life-giving Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA, that is given actual expression, through HIS Words (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33; Rev 19:13) and, which give ***true*** expression to the Word of GOD (see Rev 19:13)! Truth and all that is true being an actual expression of the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA (see John 14:6)!

AMEN (see Rev 3:14b)!

CHAPTER 6

The Growth Of The Spirit Man

Through the **supply** and **provision** of the ***contents*** of the Spirit Of MASHIAH YESHUA (CHRIST JESUS), ***GOD*** **develops** our spirit man. Hence the declaration that through CHRIST WHO strengthens us, we can actually ***do*** all things (see Phil 4:13, 19, 23)!

CHRIST is able to strengthen us **to *do* all things** in spirit, soul, heart and, even body. That's the Biblical proposition that becomes the basis of our spirituality - its development and its expression. The potentials are exciting and stand in the context of a ***call*** upon our lives. It is important that we understand this call as flowing out of an actual revelation of JESUS CHRIST - the true, full and perfected knowledge of HIM - alive in our inward parts (see Eph 1:17-19).

The **contents** of the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA ***include*** HIS faith, love, wisdom, understanding, strength, passion, **character**, **nature**, thinking, ability, power, etc. and ***all the ingredients that constitute*** the reality of each of these expressions of faith, love, wisdom etc. These ingredients are what constitute the Mystery of CHRIST.

These ingredients can't be accessed by the intellect of man. It is only accessible by revelation ***from*** GOD being perfected and completed ***into*** our inward parts (see Deut 29:29; Mark 4:22; Ex 31:18; 32:5-6; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV). This communication is the exclusive basis to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in our inward parts!

Being able to ***do*** all things - ***through*** CHRIST WHO strengthens us - is the practical expression (and evaluation) of the redemptive process of salvation!

All that GOD supplies comes to us through **the contents** of the Word of GOD (see Rev 19:13; John 17:6a; 26; Ps 138:2c). The Word gives specific expression to the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST. The written Word of GOD forms the ***spiritual frameworks*** of GOD's provision to us, in and through the actual communication of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST. The specifics of the Word give form and substance to the spiritual frameworks of our spirituality in GOD. These frameworks of the Word define an operating system in GOD and of GOD (see Jer 1:11-12).

[The spiritual frameworks of the Word of GOD are necessary to form the functional boundaries that will govern the realms of spiritual experience that are available to us in GOD. The frameworks of the Word - actually formed in us in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST - protect us from deception and the occult.]

The HOLY SPIRIT releases the contents of GOD's Word (see John 16:14, 13-15) ***into*** our inward parts. The HOLY SPIRIT gives expression to communications of the Word in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST (see John 6:63; John 16:14). The HOLY SPIRIT ***releases*** the contents of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST. And, the HOLY SPIRIT also ***works*** the contents of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST ***into us***.

[**Aside On Angels**: In this book we talk of all things being manifested by the HOLY SPIRIT in CHRIST JESUS. However, in reality the actual processes of manifestation involve the actuality of angels on assignment in this process of communication. Angels are called ministering spirits in Hebrews 1:14.

Angels are often involved in ministry impartations by the HOLY SPIRIT towards us (see Heb 1:14). Angelic ministry is often involved in making specific deposits or impartations or spiritual expressions of the contents of the Word of GOD into us (see Ps 103:20; Heb 1:14)! Angels make these deposits in many forms **according to the specifics of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA** contained in each deposit.

The point is that spiritual deposits - delivered or ministered by angelic entities - are constituted in Word-based actualities described in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA through living expressions of HIS faith, HIS love, HIS Character, HIS Nature etc.

This is why the Bible declares that **HIS Fullness is designed to fill *all-in-all***.

One such reality is the crystallized realities of the Word that are called precious stones. In Ezekiel 28:12b-13, we see such precious stones becoming the covering of Lucifer (before his fall) that was addressed as the 'seal of perfection'! These precious stones are crystallized realities of the Word that - in the case of Lucifer - enabled him to operate in specified realms of authority before GOD. These realms of authority and influence were addressed as **"sanctuaries"** which Lucifer tragically defiled (see Eze 28:18b; Isa 14:12a).

It is interesting that we are each addressed as tabernacles - the dwelling places (or, sanctuaries) of GOD - in the Scriptures (see Ps 84:1; John 2:19-21; 1 Cor 3:15-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:19-22; 2 Chron 7:16). We are being built and developed into becoming functional sanctuaries ***in*** GOD (see Ps 91:1) and ***of*** GOD (see 2 Chron 7:16) having spheres of influence and authority over nations (see Isa 54:2-3; 60:1-7).

All of these Word deposits, designated as multi-faceted precious stones that fill the treasuries of the Kingdom of Heaven, are of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST (see Rev 19:13b; John 1:1-3) - the fullness designed to fill all-in-all (see Eph 1:23) **from the foundations of the creation** (see Eph 3:3-4, 8c-11)! Colossians 1:19, declares that it is the FATHER's Will for all the fullness to dwell in JESUS CHRIST. John 1:3 declares the following: < **All things came into being by HIM, and apart from HIM nothing came into being that has come into being.** >]

The Word of GOD has the potential of communicating the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA - and ***the contents*** of HIS Spirit and Life - into us, in realities described in the Word. These spiritual realities come alive in us through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT. These spiritual realities develop our functional spheres of influence in GOD.

[**Aside On Angels**: And, this often involves angelic ministry to the saints. For example, although the HOLY SPIRIT indwelt MASHIAH YESHUA, we see an angel come and minister to HIM at the Garden of Gethsemane (see Luke 22:43).

Similarly, from a human standpoint we see that although the HOLY SPIRIT indwells us, we see that HE uses others amongst us to minister to us. Angels

are called **ministering spirits** in Hebrews 1:14; and, they are involved in ministry. Specifically they have been **"sent out to render *service*** (or, *ministry*) **for the sake of those who will *inherit* salvation"**.]

The Word of GOD communicated by the HOLY SPIRIT in the Spirit and Life ***of*** JESUS CHRIST has the potential of supplying all of the intimate and specific spiritual needs of our inward being - comprising our spirit, our soul and our heart - according to the call upon our life. The Word communicated - into us - in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST also open to us the ability to function in the SPIRIT of GOD, in the actualities of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the contents of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA all of our natural pursuits - consistent with GOD's Law - can also be **empowered** and **energized** so that we come forth as the head and not the tail in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Deut 28:13). The spiritual governs the natural and in CHRIST, the spiritual will **re-define** and **expand** our natural abilities.

We have - by the HOLY SPIRIT - the capacity to receive deposits of the spiritual as **"spiritual with spiritual"** (see 1 Cor 2:13c, NASB). It is crucial that we understand the reality of **"spiritual deposits" in GOD** as being ***of*** the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST (see John 1:3; Eph 1:23; Col 1:19).

In subjection to GOD's call, will and purpose over our lives, all things become possible to us - in terms of fully enabled functional spiritual realities - through the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH.

When we understand that the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST can communicate the infinitude of spiritual realities like, faith, love, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, power, strength, character, nature etc., we can come to understand why the LORD JESUS declared that all things are possible (see Matt 17:20c). And, we can also understand why Scripture declares that through CHRIST WHO strengthens us we can do all things (see Phil 4:13, KJV).

This is why CHRIST declared that in HIS Name anything - consistent with the frameworks of GOD's Word (Will) - is possible because it can be given and it can be done (see John 14:12-14) for us or, performed (see Jer 1:11-12) in us and through us (see Phil 2:13).

[**Aside On Angels**: It is in the context of ministering the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA to us, that the angels are called ministering spirits in Hebrews 1:14 and, their ministry involves spiritual ingredients to the redemptive processes of salvation to us! Their ministry also involves spiritual ingredients to the functional realities of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Angels on assignment are implicit to the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT towards us!

Similarly, angels are implicit to the ministry of JESUS CHRIST (see Rev 1:16a, 20) as the Apostle and High Priest of our confession (Heb 3:1); as the author and finisher of our faith (Heb 12:2a); as the Mediator of the New Covenant into our inward parts (Heb 9:15); and, as the ONE WHO intercedes for us (Heb 7:25).

There is in fact, a whole economy of salvation in which angels and saints are actively involved in spiritual realities that give expression to the dynamics of the realm called the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven (see Matt 13:11,23) that opens to our inward parts. Angels and saints are actively involved in the spiritual dynamics of the Kingdom of GOD all the time. **We however *do not* pray to angels or to saints**.]

All this great complex of Kingdom ministry forms, contribute towards the revealing of the sons of GOD which, the Scriptures declare **the creation is anxiously longing for** (see Rom 8:19)! There is something awesome that GOD will open to all creation when the sons of GOD ***from among men*** are established before GOD - **through salvation**! And, this is because only the sons of GOD from amongst men have the Testimony of YESHUA as an inheritance and a possession functionally (see Eze 44:28; John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB).

The Word of GOD communicated by the HOLY SPIRIT in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST is prophetically addressed as t**he Testimony of JESUS** (see Rev 19:10c, 13b). The Testimony of JESUS is the basis of **"spiritual deposits"** that gives expression to ***all*** our spiritual functions in GOD.

Luke 21:33 declares that the Logos Words of the Testimony of JESUS - HIS Words - are **everlasting**!

[It is from the reality of HIS everlasting Words that we can see how HIS Words give expression to the everlasting treasures of the Kingdom of GOD. Just as GOD spoke: "let there be light and there was light"; so, there are many other treasures - crystallized spiritual realities of GOD's Word - that GOD has spoken into ***prophetic*** being.

The many-faceted complex of intertwined promises of Scripture give rise to an infinitude of spiritual treasures that will make eternity a treasure trove of possibilities that gives expression to the glory of GOD's grace towards us (see Rev 21:9-11)! **And, it is *the pursuit of GOD* that gives rise to such exciting possibilities.**]

The Rhema (or, quickened) expression of the Logos Words of JESUS' Testimony (see Rev 1:15c; Eze 1:24) are communicated by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 6:63) into our spirit man so that we will ***actualize* the capacity to live** through the **enabling *spiritual contents*** of the Spirit (and Life) Of CHRIST JESUS!

In this realized actuality, eternal and abiding spiritual realities and their potentials - inscribed in the contents of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA - open to our inward parts through our spirit man.

This enabling and empowering revealed in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST, (commences and) develops through a process of **hearing**, ***understanding*** and **accepting** the Word of GOD (see Rom 10:17; Matt 13:23; Mark 4:20; Rev 19:13b).

Hearing involves the willingness to hear our mouth articulate the spoken Word. As we hear the articulated Word, the capacity to understand **opens to our spirit** and **surfaces to our mind** through the interface of our heart. When we accept the revelation in our own free will - something comes alive into our inward parts in a potentially abiding reality. When lived, the potentially abiding ***becomes*** the functionally abiding **fashioned *into* our inward parts**. In this process we are ***perfected*** and ***completed*** in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST!

It is in this process of actualizing the contents of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST - that are contained in the Word of GOD - that the Mystery of CHRIST (see Eph 3:3-4, 7-11) **unveils in a growing revelation *into* our inward parts**.

[The use of the gift of tongues energize and quicken this revelatory process, that flows out of the Word of GOD, into our inward parts (see 1 Cor 14:2; Deut 29:29; Mark 4:22).

Tongues energize the Mystery of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-27) into our inward parts according to the Word (see Rev 19:13b) that we are ***willing*** to pursue. I have spent hundreds of hours, speaking in tongues, to receive insights into the Word by the HOLY SPIRIT (see 1 Cor 14:6; Isa 28:9-11).]

GOD has in the Rhema expression of the Logos Words of JESUS' Testimony - with all the potentials contained in the contents of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH - reversed the fall of Adam. But, we have to actualize this supernatural reversal in our **own free will *response*** to GOD.

[GOD has opened to us a realm of possibilities in HIM that stretch into eternity. This is the Glory of HIS Grace that we are called to **possess** (see Rev 21:9-11; Eze 44:28; Eph 1:3-6, 9-10, 17-23; 3:3-4, 8c-12, 16-19) ***from our inward parts***. Biblical Spirituality has astonishing potentials in GOD! That all this will involve the intimacy of our inward parts being alive to GOD - ***in an online functional reality*** - is simply astonishing!]

"This inwardly engineered reality" facilitates the progression of our salvation in all eternity! Nothing is impossible with us - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2)! No wonder the LORD JESUS CHRIST declared (in Matt 17:20c) : < **…. and nothing shall be impossible to you**. >

"This inwardly engineered reality" flows out of the faith and love of YESHUA expressed for us through the Cross. "This inwardly engineered reality" derives from what YESHUA MASHIAH calls "**MY** Words" (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33). **HIS** Words are designed - in the contents of HIS Spirit and Life that form **HIS** Words - to enable the functioning of our total inward being **in GOD** - ***through*** JESUS CHRIST.

All things ***are in fact actually possible*** through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13). The possibilities arise out of all that is **contained** ***in*** the Spirit and Life of YESHUA! Revelation 5:6 speaks prophetically of the LAMB **having** seven horns and seven eyes that are the seven Spirits of GOD!

[Seven represents perfection and seven also represents the process of our being perfected in all that the LAMB has ***attained and obtained for us*** in HIS merits - that are prophetically described as seven horns and seven eyes! Through JESUS CHRIST - in the conduits of HIS Spirit and Life - we have **"seven horns and seven eyes"** given to us in JESUS CHRIST, through which we will be equipped to walk into the ***perfect*** purposes of GOD (see Matt 5:48).

The seven horns express the perfected oil of YESHUA's Spirit (see 1 Sam 16:13) that enables us to function by lifting up the horn of HIS Name (see Ps 89:24b; Rev 3:12c). The seven eyes express the perfected capacity to see and understand, made available to us in YESHUA's Spirit.]

The possibilities find definition and fulfillment out of the faith and love of YESHUA (see 1 Tim 1:14) actualized in our inward parts!

The possibilities find description and application through the Word of GOD - in the functional actualization of every Word-based principle, proposition, reality, promise, gift, anointing, plan and purpose of GOD for us each - consistent with the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Ephesians 2:10 actually declares that we are the ***workmanship*** of GOD ***created in CHRIST JESUS*** for good works! This is the enabled capacity to live fruitfully, **actualized** ***from*** JESUS CHRIST through the communication of **HIS** Words in **HIS** Spirit and **HIS** Life (see John 6:63) ***into us***. This communication into us - into our spirit man - is the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT. From our spirit man, HIS Words then find ***functional*** expression in our heart and soul.

"HIS Words" are the living spiritual expressions of YESHUA's Testimony that actually give ***pure*** and ***perfect*** and ***practical*** expression to the Word of GOD, in the actualities of YESHUA's Testimony - in us and through us. **"HIS Words"** communicate ***specific deposits*** of the "spiritual" so that we can actualize **"spiritual with spiritual"** in our spirit man (see 1 Cor 2:13b, NASB).

YESHUA ADONAI is the WORD and HIS Words (or, HIS Testimony) **give pure and perfect *spiritual* expression** to the Word of GOD (see Rev 19:13). HIS Words expound the Word of GOD - by revelations orchestrated by the HOLY SPIRIT - into functional actualities in our inward parts!

HIS Testimony - comprising HIS Words (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33) - is thus addressed as ***the*** Spirit of Prophecy (see Rev 19:10c) invested with the potentials of actual fulfillment. Fulfillment is the design and purpose of the prophetic. **Fulfillment is the *fundamental proof* of Biblical Spirituality**! And, this fulfillment aligns with the witness of the Law and the Prophets as proclaimed in Romans 3:21.

And, in HIM and through HIS Fullness, the prophetic potentials of each and every one of our lives are limitless (see 2 Peter 1:19; Matthew 13:23; Luke 21:33)! The next chapter outlines some of the fulfillment potentials of Biblical Spirituality in GOD.

CHAPTER 7

Our Fulfillment Potential

The Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA (see Phil 1:19c) is the Spirit of Prophecy. The primary intent of prophecy is ***fulfillment*** - personally, corporately and in cosmic proportions. In this reality of prophecy and its intent of actual fulfillment, the Scriptures declare that the fullness of JESUS CHRIST is designed to fill all-in-all (see Eph 1:23).

Colossians 1:17, 19-20 declares the following: < **And HE** (JESUS CHRIST) **is before all things, and in HIM all things hold together. … For it was the FATHER's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in HIM** (JESUS CHRIST), **and through HIM to reconcile all things to HIMSELF, having made peace through the Blood of HIS Cross; through HIM, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.** >

Given the prophetic significance of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST - communicated to us in HIS Spirit and Life - we can understand why the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA is ***the*** Spirit of Prophecy.

The Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA (CHRIST JESUS), is the spiritual blueprint for our prophetic status and potential in eternity - as spiritual beings prophetically described as priests, kings and prophets (see Rev 1:6, KJV; 1 Peter 4:11) - the functional sons of the living GOD (see Rom 8:19, 29-30).

It is the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH that give credence to the awesome potentials of the prophetic Word designed to unveil us as Morning Stars (see 2 Peter 1:19; Jer 1:11-12). We become Morning Stars in the actuality of the Word of GOD developed into our state of being - by GOD (see Eph 2:10). We are called Morning Stars in the ***image*** and ***fullness*** of HIM

WHO is prophetically described as the Bright Morning Star (see Rev 22:16; John 1:16-17, **NASB+KJV+NKJV**).

We are spiritual beings **being brought into *true* life** through the actual communication of the Word of GOD into us ***in* and *through* the *Spirit* and *Life* of YESHUA MASHIAH**.

We are spiritual beings being brought to life in the ***life-giving Spirit*** of JESUS CHRIST. And, it is in the reality of new life that we have a ***prophetic potential*** we have to **choose** to enter into. The willingness to make right choices is the necessary response to GOD that Biblical Spirituality ***demands***.

It is GOD WHO will develop ***the outcomes of our choices*** in HIS Word and through HIS Word. ***Our choices*** are conduits through which the power of GOD will manifest the Word that will create and fashion outcomes, in line with GOD's will and purpose for our individual lives (see Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:17).

The Testimony of JESUS - the Word expressed in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST - expounds and gives actual expression to **the spiritual contents** of the Word Of GOD that is to be fashioned into us. We are being brought into new life - defined in a new state of inner being - ***in*** and ***through*** the ***actual*** contents of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA!

This is the reality in which GOD actually ***performs*** HIS Word into us and, ultimately through us (see Jer 1:11-12; 31:31-34; 2 Cor 3:3, 6, NKJV) in order to achieve HIS specific purposes with us.

[For example: The creation of a **heart of flesh** - a **pure heart** that is an actual construct of CHRIST's Fullness in us, is one of the ***essential realities*** in which GOD performs HIS Word in our inner man (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Jer 15:16; John 6:51).

Similarly the consequent circumcision of our heart of flesh, so as to remove the body of our fallen flesh - that expresses all of our (fallen) fleshly weaknesses - is also an example of GOD performing HIS Word (see Eze 36:26-27; 2 Cor 3:3,6; Rom 2:29; Col 2:11; Phil 3:3) in us to achieve HIS purposes through salvation.

HE is actually saving us by creating us anew in our inward parts; creating us in consonance with our free will response to HIM and HIS Word. In our response to HIM and HIS Word we are called to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (see Phil 2:12) knowing that HE is at work in us to will and to work into us all that is pleasing to HIM (see Phil 2:13). Understand clearly that it is GOD WHO saves us; but HE does this in consonance with our willingness to pursue our salvation by choosing to make the right responses to HIM through HIS Word!]

Through the exposition of the Word into our inward parts (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3) GOD is creating us through the contents of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST. GOD is in this process actually performing HIS Word - purposefully - into us! **GOD is establishing (and developing) a GOD-ordained spirituality into our inward parts**.

In this ***new creation*** we are called **epistles** of CHRIST and ***ministers*** of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:3, 6, NKJV). Epistles give ***particular*** and ***specific*** spiritual definition to our functional state of being in GOD. And, the actuality of us each becoming actual ministers of the New Covenant gives ***functional expression*** to all that is being **defined** and **described** ***into*** our inward state of being.

The end result is a spiritual being in the image and fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Rom 8:29-30, 28) who is fully functional in JESUS Name (see Rev 19:13b; John 14:12-14; 15:7-8, 16; 16:23-26) by HIS Witness actually made alive in the inward parts (see 1 John 5:10a; Rev 3:14b)!

While our outer man is decaying, our inward man is being ***created*** and ***revitalized*** by **renewal** and **regeneration** (see Titus 3:5; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:17) in the actual communication of the **contents** of the Word of GOD - into us - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The contents of the Word of GOD are expressed in the Spirit and Life of the LORD JESUS CHRIST - the WORD of GOD (see Rev 19:13c; John 1:1-4). The ingredients of JESUS CHRIST's Spirit and Life give pure and perfect expression to the contents of the Word of GOD - as Truth - so that the Word of GOD will be performed in us and into us in GOD's perfect will.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) specifies that we can ***do*** all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us. We are strengthened - into an actual newness of ***life*** and ***being*** - as the ***contents*** of the Spirit of CHRIST (which is the Spirit of Prophecy) is perfected and completed into our spirit man.

And, all this is accomplished through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14, 13-15) to our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart.

In this process, we become the workmanship of GOD created ***in*** CHRIST JESUS (see Eph 2:10). In this process, we are beginning to actualize the prophetic (or, fulfillment) potentials ordained in our lives from the foundations of the world (see Ps 139:14-18; 2 Peter 1:19; Eph 2:10) in ***actual*** measures of the fullness of CHRIST JESUS.

[Please note that this process of being perfected and completed in the life-giving Spirit of MASHIAH - so that we actualize a newness of life and being - **also involves our soul being renewed and regenerated** and, **being perfected and completed** in the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST.

This comes about through the Nature and Character **contents** of the Spirit of CHRIST being perfected and completed into **our soul** - which comprises ***our mind*** (see Eph 4:23-24), ***our will*** (see Phil 2:13) and, ***our emotions*** (see Gal 5:22-23).

The Cross is a testament to the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST being **the fundamental ingredient** to HIS Spirit being expressed as the Spirit of Holiness - where holiness means being actually set apart unto GOD and HIS purposes in purity (see Rom 1:3-4). The Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST will ***cause us*** to have a passion to be holy unto GOD.]

The actualization of our prophetic potentials is a ***creative*** strengthening and formation of our inward parts that enables us to **"do all things"** - in and by and through GOD.

The actualization of GOD's Righteousness - into a new spirit man and, consequently into a renewed and regenerated soul man, that together result in an increasingly new state of being - crystallized in the contents of a clean heart (see Ps 51:10) and a pure heart (see Matt 5:8; Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2) - is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:17-18; Rom 3:21-23,

KJV)! In the manifestation of GOD's Righteousness into our functional state of being in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets - GOD saves us.

The fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is the fundamental basis of Biblical Spirituality breaking the yokes of the Mystery of Lawlessness that engulfs the human race (see 2 Thess 2:7-12; Matt 7:21-23) in death and self-destruction!

We are meant to actualize the ***prophetic*** potential of doing all things in ***word*** and ***deed*** in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Col 3:17) - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14, 13-15). In being able to do all things in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Mystery of the FATHER's Will is brought into increasing ***functional*** fulfillment in us and through us (see Eph 1:9-10, 3-14).

The ***prophetic*** potential of doing all things in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Col 3:17) arises out of the HOLY SPIRIT's configuration of our spirit man in the FATHER's Will! The HOLY SPIRIT configures our spirit man in and by and through the ***life-giving*** Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see John 16:14)!

Our spirit man is configured to function in the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA under the leading and inspiration of the HOLY SPIRIT. Our spirit actualizing the growing potentials of the contents of the Spirit of CHRIST is the ***essential*** and ***exclusive*** ingredient to the fulfillment of the Prophets.

We can now understand why all things ***abiding*** and ***eternal*** are possible - ***only*** - through CHRIST WHO strengthens us!

With our spirit configured in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST we become increasingly functional through the Spirit of CHRIST. But the status of our spirit being configured in the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST is only part of the functional status of our inward being. We have a soul that also needs to be configured in CHRIST JESUS. How does this come about?

CHAPTER 8

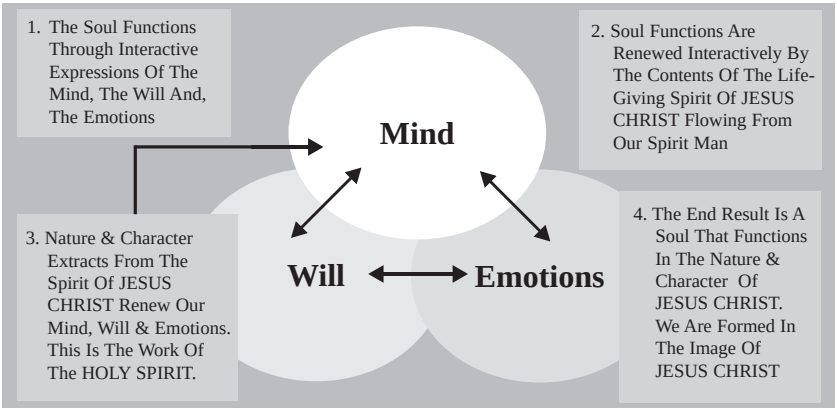
The Salvation Of Our Soul

Our soul - consisting of our mind, will and emotions - has the ***potential*** of being able to express ***our*** **free will** ***response*** to **all** that GOD brings to life in our spirit man. Our response to GOD - in our free will - unveils in hope, faith, righteousness, love and holiness. One day we will express our free will - free from sin and death - in all that we do in word and deed.

We are designed to function by loving GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Loving GOD is the actualization of freedom from the Law of Sin and Death. Loving GOD is descriptive of ***true liberty***. The ***reality*** of ***increasingly*** loving GOD is essential to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in ***our*** inward parts.

The fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in our soul is the product of the Righteousness of GOD (see Rom 3:21-23, ***KJV***) as illustrated in Figure 8.

FIGURE 8: Schematic Of The Soul



Fulfillment - in the Law and the Prophets - comes about as our soul is made functional in the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST. The transformation of our soul unveils us each in the image of JESUS CHRIST through HIS ***fullness*** formed in us (see Rom 8:29; John 1:16-17). How does this come about?

When we are quickened by the HOLY SPIRIT in our spirit man, the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST resident within us is "brought to life" or ***quickened*** in our spirit - to express the realities of the Word resident within us or brought into us. Our soul is able to ***respond*** - through mind and will - to what the HOLY SPIRIT has brought to life in our spirit man.

Given that the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST has been perfected and completed through the cross, in living expressions of **HIS** Nature and Character, we have **in GOD's Word** - ***from*** and ***through*** the Spirit of CHRIST - the ingredients of YESHUA's Nature and Character available to us. YESHUA's Nature and Character is ***constituent to*** HIS Spirit.

The ingredients of YESHUA's Nature and Character unveil in the ***context*** of the ***specific contents*** of the Rhema Word, the HOLY SPIRIT has quickened in our spirit.

From what is quickened by the HOLY SPIRIT in our spirit man, our soul can ***actualize*** **from** the Spirit of CHRIST - **by the HOLY SPIRIT** - the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST that will (in turn) transform and re-position our mind, will and emotions in GOD, in accordance with HIS call upon our life.

This re-positioning is contained in a process of ***renewal*** (the old becoming brand new) and ***regeneration*** (that which is dead in sin being brought to life in righteousness) that is worked into us - **by the HOLY SPIRIT**. JESUS CHRIST proclaimed in John 16:14 that the HOLY SPIRIT will take that which is ***of*** JESUS CHRIST, and disclose it to us.

This disclosure takes place ***in*** our inward parts. The very heart and essence of this disclosure involves the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST - the ***true*** MAN - ***being*** **formed** ***in*** our soul in its ***total form and function***!

Such an actualization of the Nature and Character of MASHIAH YESHUA has to be released and worked into us by the HOLY SPIRIT. However, the HOLY SPIRIT can only work in us **as we respond** in hope, faith and love.

Hope, faith and love are expressed by hearing, understanding, accepting and expressing the Word in ***freewill*** prayer, worship and our lifestyle - as we respond to what the HOLY SPIRIT is saying through the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA.

It is the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST that gives ***true*** expression to what the HOLY SPIRIT is saying through the quickened Word (see John 6:63; 16:14, 13-15). When our soul responds to what is being communicated in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST, the HOLY SPIRIT is able to **manifest the *specific* extracts** of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST - alive in HIS life-giving Spirit - into our soul according to our soul's freewill response.

Galatians 4:19 declares that CHRIST is being formed in us. The term “us”, arises from all that expresses our personality - the composite of our nature and character - in terms of the ***functional specifics*** of our mind, will and emotions.

Ephesians 4:23-24 expresses the root form of this potential for transformation in our soul: < **… be renewed in the *spirit of your mind*, and put on the new self, which in GOD has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth**. > The new ***self*** comes to life in us, as our soul is perfected and completed in the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB)!

Ephesians 4:23-24 declares that our new self **“has been created”** in the kind intents of the FATHER's will (see Eph 2:10; 1:3-11). Hence, the HOLY SPIRIT is bringing to life - in us - the actualities of what has already been created in the FATHER's Heart. Ephesians 2:10 proclaims that we are ***being created*** in CHRIST JESUS.

CHRIST JESUS - in terms of HIS Fullness - is the blueprint of our creation! And, this creation is the actual workmanship of the living GOD, so that we will walk into the good works that GOD has ordained in our lives. Our ability to do what GOD has designed us to do is part and parcel of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets!

The *spirit* of our minds is renewed in the *Spirit* of CHRIST through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT, and this enables us to **'put on the new self'** - ***by freewill choice*** in response to GOD. This new self is descriptive of our soul actualizing its salvation from and through the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST.

Our soul actualizes the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST as the HOLY SPIRIT perfects and completes the specifics of the Character and Nature ***contents*** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST ***into*** us - in line with the quickened Word alive in us.

The **'new self'** then grows in the image and fullness of CHRIST JESUS. MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness - received as we respond, and in how we respond, to GOD's Word - gives expression to our new self in MASHIAH YESHUA's Image.

Fundamental to the image of MASHIAH YESHUA is the actualization of HIS Character and Nature. John 1:16-17 reads: < **For of HIS *Fullness* we have *all* received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through JESUS CHRIST**. >

The **'new self'** comes to life in us, in a ***realization*** that arises in and by and through the Character and Nature of MASHIAH YESHUA, perfected and completed into our mind, will and emotions - through the HOLY SPIRIT's ministry!

We come forth in the image of MASHIAH YESHUA (see Rom 8:29-30) in mind, will and emotions! We develop a new personality in conformance to JESUS CHRIST (see Gal 4:19)! It is the HOLY SPIRIT who engineers this new man ***even as we choose*** to respond in our own freewill.

Our soul that reflects all that is personal to describing us, comes alive in a growing likeness to JESUS CHRIST - in HIS Image. We develop a brand new personality with a whole new thinking and behavior pattern that rises in the composite expressions of our ***renewed*** mind, will and emotions! We become more CHRIST-like in a dynamic process of transformation **that the HOLY SPIRIT is expressing** in the FATHER's will.

Without the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST there can be no actualization of our new self. Our new self - arising from our soul - is

necessarily being ***created*** in CHRIST JESUS through HIS Nature and Character ***manifested*** (*perfected and completed*) into us.

Our new self is necessarily being created in the image and fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA (see Rom 8:29-30; John 1:16-17, NASB+KJV+NKJV; Eph 2:10).

In all this, our soul - consisting of our mind, will and emotions - has ***the prerogative to respond*** to what is being made alive in us. We respond with our mind, will and emotions!

We ***respond*** by believing and acting upon the realities (or, thought flows in terms of 'words', 'pictures', 'motivation', 'inspiration', 'discerning', 'illumination', 'empowering', 'faith', 'love', 'righteousness', 'holiness' etc) quickened into our soul - from GOD's Word alive in our spirit, by the HOLY SPIRIT.

We ***act upon*** these Word realities by hearing, understanding (see Matt 13:23) and accepting (see Mark 4:20) what we actualize by the HOLY SPIRIT, through our spirit man. Our ***active*** response ***develops*** as we hold fast to GOD's Word and ***apply it*** in our living (see Luke 8:15) by word and deed (see Col 3:17) through the **exercise** of our own free will.

By holding fast to GOD's Word and exercising the Word in word and deed - through our mind, will and emotions - we are perfected and completed so as to actualize our **'new self'**. Our **'new self'** grows and develops in the image and fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA, as the specifics of the image and fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA - contained in **HIS** Words - is perfected and completed ***into us*** by the HOLY SPIRIT.

The **contents** of the ***life-giving*** Spirit of JESUS CHRIST are genetic in design, and give actual expression to the image and fullness of JESUS CHRIST. The **contents** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST are perfected and completed into us by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14). It is a ***painstaking work*** of an amazing grace worked into us in loving detail.

In this process JESUS CHRIST - acting through the HOLY SPIRIT's ministry in our inward parts - becomes: (i) the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; (ii) the Mediator of the New Covenant into our inward parts; (iii)

the Author and Finisher of our faith; (iv) the ONE WHO ever lives to intercede for us; and, (v) HE is the guarantee to all this being brought to fruitful completion in us! AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-22).

The nature and character ingredients to the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST, is what enables the renewal and regeneration of our soul and, our soul's constituent functions in mind, will and emotions. The end result is **the re-engineering of our personality** - in the image of JESUS CHRIST. We are actually transformed - the new unfolds ***entirely unlike the old*** (see 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2;10).

The **willingness** to do all things in the Name of the LORD JESUS is configured into our soul man (see Phil 2:13; Phil 4:13; Gal 4:19) through the work and ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT. This happens as the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST is worked - or, perfected and completed - into our mind, will and emotions. What is worked into us - by the HOLY SPIRIT - always involves our free will acceptance.

This is an interactive process of us choosing to abide in MASHIAH YESHUA and, of HIM choosing to abide in us in HIS Fullness communicated (see John 17:26c). A **battle of *choices* has to be fought** - by us, in our inward parts - for the actualization of this process of transformation and change. The development of these choices - in truth - always involves the work of GOD in our inward parts! **All things are possible in GOD**!

In Ezekiel 36:27, YAHWEH declares: < **I will put MY SPIRIT within you and cause you to walk in MY statutes, and *you will be* careful to observe MY ordinances**. >

This comes about as our mind, will and emotions ***choose to respond*** to what the HOLY SPIRIT is saying, in word and deed (see Phil 2:13; Col 3:17)! We respond in hope. We respond in faith. We respond in righteousness - right action. We respond in love. We respond in holiness - being set apart to GOD and HIS specific purposes for us.

Hope, faith, righteousness, love and holiness are spiritual expressions of the choices that we make. The Spirit of CHRIST - resident in our spirit - can ***energize*** these choices (expressed in hope, faith, righteousness, love and holiness) in a ***power resident* in** the Spirit of CHRIST! **But always our soul has to choose!**

And, as we grow our choosing is enabled in the nature and character of YESHUA made increasingly alive in us. This is why salvation is entirely of JESUS CHRIST, WHO gives actual expression ***in human terms*** to the moral nature and character of GOD towards us.

Hope in MASHIAH YESHUA results in the substance of **HIS** faith (see Heb 11:1, **KJV**) being communicated into us (see Gal 2:20c, KJV). The substance of **HIS** faith - actualized from setting our hope **on HIM** - in turn also becomes the conduit for the actualization of the reality of **HIS** love for us - through ***substance*** communicated. In fact through the substance of HIS faith, we can actualize genuine, supernatural change that is ***of*** the ***substance*** **of HIS Fullness** that gives credence to the fact of our salvation in a new man that is of HIS Fullness (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NASB+NKJV) and ***in*** HIS Image (see Rom 8:29-30)!

Our response through the gift of tongues ***can*** facilitate the work of the HOLY SPIRIT in giving revealed expression to the Mystery of CHRIST into our inward parts (see 1 Cor 14:2; Isa 28:9-12; Eph 3:3-4, 8c-12). This comes about because tongues are a ***spiritual tool*** - alive in our spirit man - that enables us to ***energize*** the power that works within us (see Eph 3:20; 1 Cor 12:6, 4-7) in and through the spiritual conduits of hope, faith, righteousness, love and holiness.

The power that is able to work within us is resident in the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Rom 1:3-4; Heb 1:3b) and is energized into ***actual functions*** by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14) through the revealed Word (see Deut 29:29) that is alive in us (see John 6:63; Heb 1:3b; 1 John 5:10a).

Through tongues we can actualize the contents of all that is hidden in the Mystery of CHRIST - through ***hope*** (see Col 1:26-27; 1 Cor 14:2, 6, 18; Eph 3:3-4). The actualization comes through ***the substance*** of the Mystery of CHRIST that hope in CHRIST JESUS opens to us (see Heb 11:1, KJV). Hope in CHRIST is designed - in the righteousness of GOD - to ***actually manifest the substance*** of the Mystery of CHRIST!

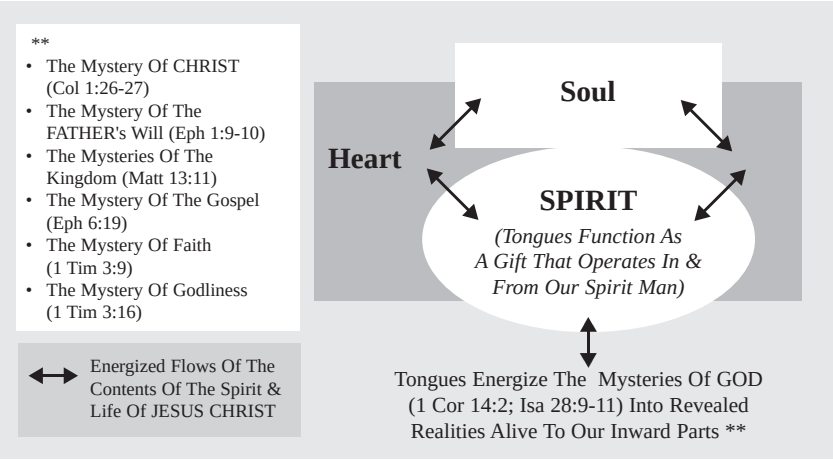
This is why 1 John 3:3 actually tells us that: < **… Everyone who has this hope fixed on HIM** (JESUS CHRIST) **purifies himself, just as HE** (JESUS CHRIST) **is pure.** > The substance of MASHIAH YESHUA's purity is manifested into our inward parts through hope. Hope is the channel for the

deposit of substance. If our hope is in CHRIST, the substance will be of CHRIST - in HIS purity. This substance of HIS purity the HOLY SPIRIT works into our inward parts - purifying us in return. Because the process involves our choices made in a focused and persistent hope, we are told that "we purify ourselves" through the exercise of this hope.

The process of the energization of power into the functions (such as the exercise of hope for example) of our inward man must however, entirely be ***by the HOLY SPIRIT***; **it must never be** a self-denominated process that is of the spirit of man alone.

We must ***always*** function by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS so that we are actually set free from the Law of Sin and Death (see Rom 8:2). Functioning by our spirit man alone develops our **independence** from GOD the HOLY SPIRIT. In the New Covenant all of our functions will ultimately flow ***by*** the HOLY SPIRIT. Figure 9 illustrates the treasures of GOD available to us through the proper use of tongues.

FIGURE 9: The Use Of Tongues



We can ***receive*** exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us (see Eph 3:20). This power is ***inherent to*** the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST brought into us ***in*** **the revealed Word** (see Heb 1:3b; John 6:63; Rom 1:3-4).

Matthew 13:23; Mark 4:20 and Luke 8:15 describe growth forms in 30-fold, 60-fold and 100-fold measures that are available through the Word received in our hearts. Understand the potentials of the power that ***can be developed*** to work within us, by the HOLY SPIRIT, to facilitate sustained growth in 30-fold, 60-fold and 100-fold measures (see 2 Peter 1:19)!

This is why we can become actual sons of GOD! This is why nothing will be impossible to us in the will of GOD. Ultimately, we are perfected and completed as we do all things in ***word*** and ***deed*** in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Col 3:17). Our soul has to come into the **objective willingness** of ***obedience*** to GOD (see the Testimony of JESUS CHRIST expressed in John 5:30)! This objective willingness to obey involves the transformation of mind, will and emotions ***in*** the actual nature and character of JESUS CHRIST ***realized***.

This transformation is achieved in the FATHER's Will (see Phil 2:13; Isa 48:16c) through the contents of the Testimony of JESUS - HIS Words - being worked into us by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 6:63; 16:14). However, all this is ***contingent*** on our ***willingness*** to respond to GOD.

Where does the objective willingness in obedience to GOD come from? The capacity to obey comes ***from*** the Nature and Character of YESHUA MASHIAH **worked into us** by the HOLY SPIRIT! The greater our conformance to CHRIST, the greater is our **capacity to obey** (see Gal 4:19; Heb 5:8-10; 3:1, 4; 12:2a; 7:15-16, 21-22, 28). Obedience is one example of the **many** facets of CHRIST JESUS that we can ***receive*** and ***put on***.

Our conformance to CHRIST manifests as CHRIST is formed in us. This happens as the HOLY SPIRIT perfects and completes the specific contents of the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA into our spirit and our soul (see John 16:14, 13-15). The contents of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Phil 1:19c) - expressing HIS Faith, HIS Love, HIS Character, HIS Nature etc. - are perfected and completed ***into us*** by the HOLY SPIRIT.

The ***actualization*** of the Nature and Character of YESHUA MASHIAH manifests as the Fruit ***of*** the HOLY SPIRIT (see Gal 5:22-23). And, we must understand that the actualization of the Nature and Character of YESHUA MASHIAH is the ***exclusive*** fruit of the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14)!

The Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT is the fulfillment of the Law! And, the Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT becomes the basis for the fulfillment of the Prophets (and our prophetic potential) through the functions of our spirit man!

We need character - in truth - in our souls, in order to give true functional expression to the potentials contained in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST! We will never be able to operate spiritual gifts without the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT becoming actual ***functional*** channels for the expression of the gifts.

Our soul - comprising our mind, our will and our emotions - is renewed and regenerated by the HOLY SPIRIT's work (see Titus 3:5; Eph 4:23-24; Phil 2:13; Gal 5:22-23) as **we** - in our soul - ***choose*** to learn to put on CHRIST and function in the Spirit Of CHRIST.

This is ***not*** an instantaneous happening but, is a labor of love as strongholds of our flesh, and flaws in our character and nature, are dealt with through the work and ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14; Gal 5:22-25)!

The HOLY SPIRIT is able to deal with every perversion of the human soul as we respond to the HOLY SPIRIT's ***in-working*** of the **contents** of the Testimony of JESUS **into** our state of being. When we fail to make the right choices, when we find blockages within us that prevent us from making the right choices; or, when we simply find that we do not want to do the right thing; we have the opportunity to address the issues of our nature and character with GOD. We can ask and seek after the GOD-engineered solutions to our fallen nature and our character flaws.

GOD can cause us to take delight in the fear of the LORD (see Isa 11:3a; Eze 36:27).

Addressing our flaws and the issues that prevent us from walking in the way of GOD is part and parcel of the process of repentance that is integral to the progression of our salvation. Repentance involves the pursuit of ***GOD-enabled change*** in our selves.

We need to ask for the HOLY SPIRIT. In Luke 11:13, MASHIAH YESHUA categorically declares: < **… how much more shall your heavenly FATHER give the HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask HIM**. >

In John 16:7,13-15, MASHIAH YESHUA declares: < **… I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, <u>the Helper</u> shall not come to you …. . But when <u>HE, the SPIRIT of Truth</u> comes, <u>HE will guide you into all the truth</u> ….. HE shall glorify ME; for <u>HE shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you</u>. All things that the FATHER has are Mine; therefore I said, that <u>HE takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you</u>**. >

All things from GOD are given to us in CHRIST JESUS and come to us exclusively by the HOLY SPIRIT. It is the HOLY SPIRIT WHO unveils the wonders of MASHIAH YESHUA - prophetically described as the Mystery of CHRIST (see Eph 3:3-4, 8c-11; Col 1:26-28) - into the state of our being.

And, the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA is the ***<u>essential ingredient</u>*** to the development, function and maturity of our spirituality. MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness is designed to fill all-in-all (see Eph 1:23; Col 1:19-20, 17-20). Nothing else can take the place of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness (see Col 1:19). Biblical Spirituality is ***<u>entirely</u>*** of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness formed in us!

CHAPTER 9

Understanding The Spirit-Soul-Spirit Balance

Learning to ***choose*** to **do** all things in CHRIST JESUS (see Gal 4:19), by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:15) is a spiritual growth process that will ***perfect*** and ***complete*** the functions of our soul and spirit - in a **spiritual progression** into the Mount of the LORD (see Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Isa 2:2-3; 33:14b-17; Heb 12:22-24).

In the doing of anything in GOD there is a ***necessary*** soul-spirit functional balance that the HOLY SPIRIT will ***establish*** in us. This soul-spirit functional balance has many functional levels that are descriptive of specific levels attained in our progression into the Mount of the LORD (see Gen 22:14; Isa 2:2-3). We come to the Mount of the LORD (see Isa 2:2-3; Matt 5:14-16) so as to function in the secret place of the MOST HIGH, under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY (see Ps 91:1; Eph 1:3-12; 3:8c-11).

Every progressive reality of an inward functional balance or ***spiritual equilibrium*** in our inward parts reflects a functional spiritual level attained in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, from our inward parts.

When we **choose (from the functions of our soul)** - by the HOLY SPIRIT - to put on CHRIST and **function** in the Spirit of CHRIST through our spirit (see Rom 1:9; 9:1), we are choosing to express the level of spirituality we have attained in our inward parts.

From one level of spirituality, a higher level is opened by the HOLY SPIRIT from the Word that we have come to receive (or, realize) in our inward parts (see John 16:14-15). The 'higher level' stands in the Word revealed (see Deut 29:29; Mark 4:22) and the Word performed (see Jer 1:11-12) in us.

From being born again, when we attain - by the HOLY SPIRIT's ministry - what we have chosen to pursue (in response to what GOD has enabled us to

see and understand), we come into a reality of *actual spiritual function* **in GOD**. This is a functioning that unveils in ***growing levels*** of a soul-spirit balance or equilibrium!

Our soul-spirit balance is described ***in*** CHRIST JESUS, ***by*** the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2). Our balance stands ***in*** the FATHER's will! In this balance or equilibrium, our soul reflects the level at which it has been perfected and completed in the Nature and Character of MASHIAH YESHUA.

In tandem with our spirit, our soul has attained - by the HOLY SPIRIT - a functional state in CHRIST JESUS! In this functional state, there is a necessary functional balance between **soul** (choice) and **spirit** (functional ability / capacity / level of application in CHRIST JESUS) that **establishes us *before* GOD**.

From this position of balance our perfected soul can become - through the exercise of our choices - the basis for the pursuit of ***yet higher*** levels of spirituality through our spirit. When we set our hope on actualizing a higher functional reality in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, we enter into a ***growth* and *expansion* phase** of our inward parts (see Ps 119:32, 25-32; 2 Peter 1:19).

Growth in our inward parts comes about as ***the life-giving contents*** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see 1 Cor 15:45; Phil 1:19c) - resident within our spirit man - is quickened into its functional potentials described in the Testimony and Witness of YESHUA, and given expression to by the HOLY SPIRIT. This functional potential - ***being attained*** - necessarily involves both our spirit and our soul.

What is quickened (by the HOLY SPIRIT) in our spirit is perfected and completed into our soul functionally. This comes about as YESHUA's Nature and Character - inherent to HIS functional Testimony and Witness - is ***synthesized*** and ***worked into*** our soul (by the HOLY SPIRIT) in “some measure”, so that we in turn can function in “some measure” like CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT!

And, this ***function*** comes about as we choose to ***do*** things **in word and deed** (see Phil 4:13; Col 3:17) in the enabling actualized (by the HOLY SPIRIT) ***from*** the functional contents of MASHIAH YESHUA's Spirit and Life. This

function is ***configured in*** the ***contents*** of the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA.

It is the HOLY SPIRIT WHO works the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST - ***inherent to*** **HIS** ***every function*** - into us through processes of renewal and regeneration through the washing (cleaning and purification) of the Water of the Rhema Word (see Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26-27). We do things - in word and deed - in growing conformance to CHRIST JESUS. We become growing Epistles of CHRIST (see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV).

[The Rhema Word is the Word quickened by the HOLY SPIRIT to our inward parts. The Rhema Word can also be the Word witnessed by GOD to our inward parts (in both words and pictures). The Rhema Word **carries** ***functional actualities*** in the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA. The HOLY SPIRIT ***works*** these functional actualities ***into*** growing functional states of equilibrium in our soul and spirit.]

The washing of renewal and regeneration in the Rhema Word is a composite spiritual expression of the Mystery of CHRIST, (the Mystery of) HIS Gospel, (the Mystery of) HIS Faith and (the Mystery of) HIS Godliness.

It is renewal and regeneration in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA (quickened through our spirit man) that enable the transfers in the Character and Nature of CHRIST JESUS into our soul so that we are supernaturally purified and established as being holy unto GOD!

But, all of these **energized** ***spiritual transfers*** are based on our choices arising from our soul. Hence as we grow in the LORD we see that even the processes by which we make our choices are built out of what we ***receive of*** CHRIST. What we receive is then perfected and completed in CHRIST as we put into practice what we have received in order to attain a higher level of function.

In essence it is YESHUA's love for the FATHER that we need to ***actualize***. It is HIS delight in obeying the FATHER that we need to ***actualize***. It is HIS Way of responding to situations and HIS Way of speaking and doing things that we need to ***actualize***. It is the Testimony of JESUS that must ***become*** the framework and the essence and ***substance*** of our every function in GOD (see Ps 119:32).

This is what the HOLY SPIRIT is ***achieving*** in us. HE is taking that which is ***of*** CHRIST JESUS (see John 16:14) - HIS Fullness (see John 1:16; Col 1:19, 17) - and HE is perfecting this fullness of JESUS CHRIST into our being in fully functional terms. In this manner, we stand in the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST perfected and completed into us. Indeed YESHUA MASHIAH alone is the Bread of Life, and what we actualize from HIM becomes in us, and to us, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We receive of HIS Fullness **as Bread** and the ingredients of this Bread are perfected and completed into our inward parts as a prophetic ***functional*** reality described as the Way, the Truth and the Life! "The Way, the Truth and the Life" is **our** operating system ***actualized from*** the Testimony of JESUS. AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-22)!

The in-working into our soul is given expression to in ***revealed realities*** - arising through our spirit - inscribed line upon line and precept upon precept by the HOLY SPIRIT into our soul and, as our soul ***responds, into*** our spirit in turn, to attain "higher realities" in CHRIST JESUS (see 1 Cor 2:9-10). These verses - Isaiah 28:9-12; Zephaniah 3:9; Ezekiel 36:27; Isaiah 54:10,13; and, John 6:45 - give us insight into GOD's proposition to actually teach us and equip us to function in both spirit and soul - through the unveiling of the Mystery of CHRIST (see Eph 3:8c-11).

What is perfected and completed into our soul positions us to actualize the deeper realities of the Spirit of CHRIST in our spirit. Hence the functional capacity of our spirit man - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT - increases as ***our soul is perfected and completed***.

The soul and spirit are necessarily complementary centers of our functional consciousness. When we ignore the importance of our soul's development - in its expressions of character and nature - we run the danger of operating lawlessly. The Mystery of Lawlessness is a deception of ***false spirituality*** that ignores this balanced growth that is based exclusively on a growing likeness to CHRIST JESUS - as CHRIST is actually formed in us (see Gal 4:19).

Given the fact that we are freewill creatures, **the state of our soul is crucial** to what our spirit can actualize from GOD in the life-giving Spirit of YESHUA!

[Hebrews 4:12, clearly states that the Word manifests by **"piercing as far as the *division* of soul and spirit"**. The Word manifests as Bread we eat (see Jer 15:16) in distinctly different realities within our soul and spirit - as we ***meditatively*** or ***contemplatively eat*** the Word. We ***eat*** by hearing, understanding and accepting the Word of GOD and then putting it into practice in our lives (see Matt 13:23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15).

The Word manifested to our soul is called **the *Bread* of the Holy** and the Word manifested to our spirit is called **the *Bread* of the Most Holy** (see Lev 21:22; Jer 15:16). It is the HOLY SPIRIT WHO makes this division in soul and spirit enabling us to increasingly actualize the dynamics of YESHUA's **Character and Nature in our soul**, while we realize the dynamics of the **capacity to function like YESHUA in our spirit**.

Please be reminded that the **"I AM"** of YAHWEH is expressed in SOUL and SPIRIT too! And, we are made in HIS Image! Hence the necessary soul-spirit balance in our inward parts too.

In this book, we are saying that in our spirits the HOLY SPIRIT manifests ***from* the Word** the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST that carries **the enablement in power** to function - by GOD (as opposed to functioning independent of GOD)!

In our soul, the HOLY SPIRIT crystallizes from the Word that carries the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST, the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST that will in turn enable us to apply - **in our own free will** - the functions arising from our spirit according to the Word of GOD and the will of GOD that we have actualized. In this way GOD performs HIS Word in our inward parts (see Jer 1:11-12; Ex 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3) and also through us (see 2 Cor 3:6) in a balance of nature, character and spiritual function.]

Our soul is ***renewed*** and ***regenerated*** as we choose to respond to the Testimony Of JESUS arising out of all that is revealed and quickened in our spirit man through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14,13-15; Eph 1:17-19)!

The right responses (the right choices) arising from our soul - in response to all that the HOLY SPIRIT has quickened in our spirit - will enable us to actually function by the Spirit of CHRIST in all that we do in thought, word

and deed. Ultimately the totality of our being will be ***made*** fully functional - in soul and spirit - in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST. This functionality expresses the practical reality of our salvation.

Please be reminded once more that all this is a work in progress. We function - in spirit and in soul - in the Spirit of CHRIST in growing measures of HIS Spirit. It is a progression as the extracts of the ingredients of HIS Spirit and HIS Life are perfected and completed into both our soul and spirit. All ***right*** function ***comes out of*** the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST.

We appropriate the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST from HIS life-giving Spirit. JESUS' Spirit was perfected and completed through HIS life and ministry through the Cross. HIS Nature and Character was put to test on the Cross and HE was raised from the dead with HIS Spirit being described ***as*** the Spirit of Holiness (see Rom 1:3-4).

Now CHRIST JESUS' life-giving, power-invested Spirit has been given to us in the Rhema Word that communicates ***saving realities*** - by the HOLY SPIRIT - in YESHUA's Spirit and YESHUA's Life (see John 6:63; Heb 1:3b).

HIS Spirit and HIS Life are the channels of HIS faith and love for us - exercised in living expressions of HIS Character and Nature in order that we will be revitalized - renewed and regenerated - by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26-27) in realities actualized ***from*** YESHUA's faith and YESHUA's love! We become a new creation in JESUS CHRIST with functions that unveil the good works ordained by GOD (see Eph 2:10).

In this actualization orchestrated by the HOLY SPIRIT we increasingly become sons of GOD! AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-22)!

CHAPTER 10

Understanding GOD's Workmanship In Us

As we learn to do all things in thought, word and deed in the Spirit of CHRIST, our soul - comprising our mind, will and emotions - is increasingly perfected and completed ***in conformance*** to CHRIST. As we have said that this comes about as HIS Nature and Character is perfected and completed into us!

It is important to understand that our increasingly ***true*** responses to GOD - in word and deed - arise as we are renewed in the spirit of our mind (see Eph 4:23-24 and Rom 12:2, 1-3) ***with*** the nature and character of JESUS CHRIST.

Our mind, and every function of our soul that arises from our mind set, is perfected in and by and through the contents of the Spirit Of CHRIST - quickened by the HOLY SPIRIT ***from*** our spirit man!

[Tongues are a powerful tool in ***quickening*** the Word resident in or, alive to our spirit by the HOLY SPIRIT - into our mind, will and emotions. This quickening of the Word arises in and through the Witness ***of*** JESUS CHRIST, alive in our spirit **in Spirit, Water and Blood** (see 1 John 5:8, 10a; John 19:30, 34).

This reality in the functional Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood is prophetically addressed as **the *true* and *faithful* Witness** (see Rev 3:14b) that gives expression to the AMEN of GOD's Word, Testimony and, Witness - in us and amongst us, and through us.

In this Witness actualized (and developed in our inward parts through the perfecting of our soul functions) we too can become true and faithful in GOD - as we increasingly function by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2) through the true and faithful Witness, described functionally in Spirit, Water and Blood.]

We are renewed in our mind as we **"put on the new self, which in GOD has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth"** - see Ephesians 4:24.

[This new self unveils in the image ***of*** JESUS CHRIST as we receive and actualize - in our spirit and through our soul - HIS Fullness ***from*** the ***revealed*** Word (see Mark 4:22). HIS Fullness, communicated in HIS Spirit and HIS Life, is configured functionally - in growing measures of completion - through extracts of HIS Nature and Character being manifested into our soul.

And, our configuring in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, becomes the form and substance of our new self - **in HIS image** (see Rom 8:28-30). We become actually CHRIST-like because of the substance of HIS Fullness formed in us.

Such a reality of a new self in HIS Fullness opens to our soul only as our mind is renewed. This renewal establishes our mind in a framework of thought that is prophetically described as the Mind of CHRIST (see 1 Cor 2:16)! Such a mind set facilitates ***our willingness*** to make ***true*** (right) choices in GOD. Without the capacity to make true choices through the Mind of CHRIST, we can only make choices in our flesh (see Rom 8:5-9).]

We are renewed in our mind by choosing ***not*** to be conformed to this world, by proving what the will of GOD is - **"that which is *good* and *acceptable* and *perfect*"** as noted in Romans 12:2! Please understand that the capacity to choose arises as we are strengthened in CHRIST in our mind set.

"That which is *good* and *acceptable* and *perfect*" arises **exclusively** in the reality of CHRIST being formed in us (see Gal 4:19)! And, in CHRIST being formed in us we are being functionally enabled to actually do - ***all things*** - through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13, KJV)!

CHRIST is formed in us as the contents of HIS life-giving Spirit is perfected and completed into our inward parts of soul and spirit - in functional terms - in word and deed (see Col 3:17). In this manner we put on CHRIST through the formation of HIS Spirit into our mind, will and emotions, through actual extracts of HIS Nature and Character being worked into us by the HOLY SPIRIT.

What is perfected into us through the Spirit of CHRIST is HIS Nature and Character! And, this is the ***essential*** and ***exclusive*** reality that will ***enable*** our destiny in eternity to unfold..

Every choice - expressed in some measure of the Spirit Of CHRIST - that results in some measure of **right (*true*) action** is an expression of the righteousness of GOD ***actualized***. The Righteousness of GOD comes through the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST being ***functionally*** perfected and completed into us by the HOLY SPIRIT.

[Opposing this is a reality of trying to be righteous in our own flesh - attempting to be 'good' in and by ourselves. This reality the Scriptures ***judge***, declaring that our righteousness is quite simply **"filthy rags"** (see Isa 64:6). And, the reason is because GOD's thoughts and ways are ***entirely unlike*** our thoughts and ways (see Isa 55:8-9).]

The exercise of our mind, our will and, our emotions in CHRIST, by the HOLY SPIRIT perfects us ***in the constituent ingredients*** of the Spirit and Life of CHRIST JESUS.

What is perfected and completed into us - into our mind, our will and, our emotions - from the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST, is what flows out of **HIS** Nature and Character - the ***constituent ingredients*** of HIS Nature and HIS Character.

What flows out of the constituent ingredients of HIS Nature and HIS Character is a ***fruitfulness*** that bears testimony to HIM being alive ***in us*** in some measure of HIS Fullness. This fruitfulness flows out of a capacity to be fruitful in a reality that has ***abiding continuity***! It is YESHUA's Nature and Character ***contents*** or ***ingredients*** that will enable our mind, our will and, our emotions to function in righteousness and holiness of the truth! **Absolutely nothing else will**!

[**Human will power** exercised in the strength of our flesh is a spiritual deception (see Rom 8:5-8) prophetically addressed as legalism (see Gal 3:1-5). Any attempt to establish and fulfill the Law in man's strength and in man denominated terms is a deception of the flesh. The Law can only be established and fulfilled in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA (see 2 Cor 3:3, KJV/NKJV) - being established in HIS faith and, being fulfilled in HIS love,

actualized in our inward parts through the exclusive ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT, as CHRIST is formed in us (see Gal 4:19; Phil 4:13, 19).]

And, this whole process of being **enabled to function fruitfully** in the Nature and Character of YESHUA is described as **the Fruit** of the HOLY SPIRIT!

It is the actual fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT's ***labor*** with each one of us. It is the result of the HOLY SPIRIT's workmanship of the ingredients of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST ***into*** our inward parts.

Philippians 2:13 (KJV) declares: < **For it is GOD which worketh *in you* both *to will* and *to do* of HIS good pleasure**. >

In Ezekiel 36:27 GOD declares: < **I will put MY SPIRIT within you and cause you to walk in MY statutes, and you will be careful to observe MY ordinances**. > It is the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST that causes us to actually change.

In John 16:14, JESUS CHRIST says: < **HE** (the HOLY SPIRIT) **will take *of* MINE and disclose it to you** >.

We put on CHRIST in this process. That is, ***as we respond*** to what the SPIRIT is saying through the Word of GOD, we are being clothed with CHRIST (see Gal 3:27, NASB) and, CHRIST is also being formed in us (see Gal 4:19). And, the result *is functional* and *fruitful* - **and, therefore fully verifiable**! And, this is the essential proof of ***true*** Biblical Spirituality.

And, this comes about because the ***true*** Word of GOD - that stands according to the Name of GOD (see Ps 138:2c, NASB) - is a living expression of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST. And, this living expression of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST has been glorified in HIS death and resurrection and is ***available*** in a ***fulfillment*** potential in (and through) the Body of CHRIST (see Eph 1:22-23; 3:8c-11).

Through the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST, we have **actual** access to living expressions of HIS Faith and HIS Love, HIS Heart and HIS Mind, HIS Character and HIS Nature and, HIS Witness and HIS Testimony! MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness is **made manifest *in us*** - functionally and fruitfully! And, we can measure all things by the fruit of the Tree of Life that is the

growing **"I AM"** Testimony and Witness of JESUS CHRIST in us and amongst us! AMEN!

Ephesians 4:23-24 describes this process of being perfected from the perspective of the mind as: < **be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in GOD has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth**. >

What **"has been created"** stands in the Mystery of the FATHER's will (see Eph 1:9, 3-14). And, we ***actualize*** what has been ***created*** in GOD, as we are renewed in the spirit of our minds with the ingredients of the Spirit of CHRIST - by the HOLY SPIRIT.

The life-giving and life-expressing ingredients of the Spirit of CHRIST facilitate ***our creation*** in CHRIST JESUS (see Eph 2:10)! We become living expressions of the workmanship of GOD (see Eph 2:10) unveiled in the ***image*** (see Rom 8:29) and ***fullness*** (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB) of MASHIAH YESHUA!

Romans 12:2 elaborates: < **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of GOD is, that which is *good and acceptable and perfect***. >

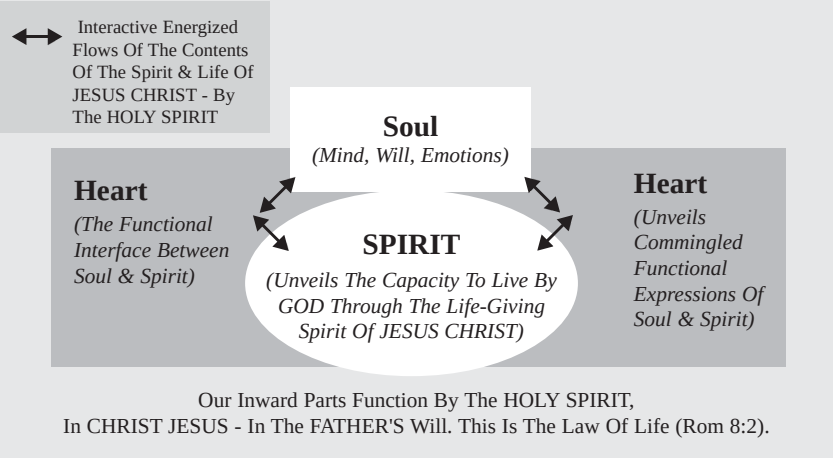
The mind is renewed as the Spirit of CHRIST is perfected into the mind functions of our soul man, as we choose to exercise our mental faculties - both logical and imaginative - **through the ingredient *capacities* defined in the Spirit Of CHRIST** that we have actualized by the HOLY SPIRIT's ministry.

All of ***the ingredient capacities*** of the Spirit of CHRIST are described in and out of HIS Character and Nature. Ultimately our capacity to do anything - in spirit and soul, by GOD - is governed by our soul carrying the Nature and Character of YESHUA as illustrated in HIS Words of Testimony in John 5:19-21 and, 30.

Our soul and spirit need to function in a **co-mingled functional balance** in CHRIST JESUS. This co-mingled functional balance of soul and spirit **comes into being in our heart**. Our heart is the ***functional*** interface between soul and spirit.

Our functions flow out of our heart in commingled realities ***arising from*** our increasingly renewed soul and, our increasingly growing (new) spirit man. The schematic on this commingled balance is shown in Figure 10.

FIGURE 10: Schematic Of The Functions Of The Inward Man



In effect we are in this process learning to do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us. As our abilities to function in the Spirit Of CHRIST through the HOLY SPIRIT increase, we are actualizing the reality of being perfected and completed in MASHIAH YESHUA. We are actually being ***made* perfect** in the ***actual* measures** of MASHIAH (CHRIST) being formed in us (see Matt 5:48)!

For example: 1 John 4:10-12, 16-17 describes us being perfected ***in*** the love of GOD until we are perfected ***with*** the love of GOD resident in our inward parts: < **In this is love … that HE (GOD) loved us and sent HIS SON to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if GOD so loved us, we also ought to love one another. … If we love one another, GOD abides in us, and HIS love is perfected *in* us. …. And we have come to know and have believed the love which GOD has for us. GOD is love, and the one who abides in love abides in GOD, and GOD abides in him. By this, love is perfected *with* us ….** >

Choosing to receive and express the love of GOD that is being communicated into us - in the realized functional expressions of the Spirit of CHRIST - towards others, is to actualize the reality by which **HIS** love is perfected ***in*** us.

As we choose to abide in love (in HIS Love actualized), HIS love is perfected ***with*** us - into our state of being - ***in all that we become*** with HIS love, as we express HIS love that is resident with us in all that we do in thought, word and deed.

Abiding in GOD's love is a free will choice that also results in wholesome emotions being developed, as HIS love is perfected with us. We become a ***new*** person. So we are told, for example that: **perfect love casts out *all* fear** (see 1 John 4:18b).

Indeed as 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) declares: < **For GOD has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind**. > The capacities of power and love inherent to the Spirit of CHRIST ***results*** **in a sound mind** that in turn governs the functioning of our soul man in a reality free from fear and intimidation.

This sound mind is the renewed mind that the HOLY SPIRIT has brought into being within us - ***from*** JESUS CHRIST. The sound mind is the Mind of CHRIST.

We see that our soul - our mind, our will and our emotions - is perfected through the Spirit and Life of YESHUA that the HOLY SPIRIT reveals and brings into being and position in our spirit man. We are perfected as we choose to objectively respond to what the SPIRIT is saying. The Witness of what the SPIRIT is saying is actualized in our spirit - in a Witness prophetically described as Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:8); which, is the (functional) Witness of JESUS CHRIST resident within us (see 1 John 5:10a) so that we may do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us.

Revelation 3:14b calls this Witness ***the*** true and faithful Witness. This is an online Witness in GOD that functions by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, before the FATHER. It is the Witness of the fullness and life of MASHIAH YESHUA perfected and completed into us. This Witness grows as we mature in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT.

Being perfected is a **spirit to soul to spirit** cycle. This cycle is a continuum of being perfected and completed in CHRIST through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT. As our soul is perfected and completed, our capacity to choose to enter into the deeper realities of CHRIST JESUS, also increase, and our spirit man is able to realize greater actualities of the Spirit of CHRIST, by the HOLY SPIRIT.

Ultimately, responding to the HOLY SPIRIT, by choices enabled through the Spirit Of CHRIST, will be as unobtrusive as the act of breathing is to our natural man and to the functions of our natural body!

In the foregoing passages and prior chapters of this book, we have now described the two basic ingredients to our spiritual being - our soul and our spirit.

As Hebrews 4:12 declares, our soul and spirit are distinctive and mutually exclusive expressions of our status as a spiritual being. Each is a center of consciousness that is built through the Word Of GOD - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Each portion is uniquely built but, the growth of each portion is crucial for the growth of the other. For example, for our spirit man to actualize the deeper actualities of the Spirit of CHRIST, our soul **has to *choose* to respond** to the HOLY SPIRIT's instructions and leadings.

So, while everything in our soul is enabled by what our spirit is actualizing; everything in our spirit is also impacted by what our soul responds to. Each part has a crucial and symbiotic part to play in our spiritual growth, function and maturity!

[Our soul and spirit are designed to be unique expressions of the Spirit and Life of CHRIST JESUS. Our spirit is to carry the functional potentials of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA. Our soul is to function in mind, will and emotions perfected and completed in the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST. **In our soul we are in the image of JESUS CHRIST and in our spirit we are enabled to function like JESUS CHRIST. In our heart we have the fullness of JESUS CHRIST actualized from commingled expressions of our soul and spirit**.]

Hebrews 4:12 also makes mention of the heart.

Through what is manifested into our soul and spirit, ***through the unveiling of the Word Of GOD*** - in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH (see John 6:63) - we are told that the thoughts and intentions of our heart are judged (NASB) or discerned (NKJV).

What is our heart? And, how does our heart relate to our soul and spirit? And, how is it our heart is judged (discerned) by what is in our soul and spirit?

CHAPTER 11

The Interface Of The Heart

Hebrews 4:12 tells us clearly that **in GOD**, our soul and our spirit are distinct centers of consciousness. These centers of consciousness are ***being built*** out of the Word of GOD.

In the reality of the (quickened) Rhema Word, we can say that our soul and spirit are being built out of the specific, ingredient, contents of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST that the Rhema Word actually carries.

In the reality of the Word construct of our inward parts in GOD, ***both*** spirit and soul are - in GOD - necessary, ***fully functional*** and, distinct centers of consciousness.

In GOD, the functions of our soul and spirit are being developed ***out of*** the Word of GOD. And, these functions are being developed ***in*** the specific contents of the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA ***perfected*** and ***completed*** into our soul and spirit.

In the reality of ***the Word of the Cross*** (see 1 Cor 1:18, NASB), the functions of our soul and spirit have the potential of being ***developed*** out of the faith and love of YESHUA expressed for us through the Cross (see John 1:16; Eph 2:10). In the reality of the Cross, our soul and spirit functions are also being ***perfected*** out of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST expressed ***for us*** through the Cross. And, all that is being developed and perfected takes place and comes together - ***in us*** - through the HOLY SPIRIT's ministry!

Given the functional dynamics of our soul and spirit in and through the Word of GOD, our heart finds its functional essence as the ***functional interface*** between our soul and spirit. In this interface, the heart is the ***functional hub*** for ***co-mingled functional expressions*** **of our soul and spirit**, which ***determines*** ***what we do*** in word and deed.

Our functional capacity involves spirit and soul functions being co-mingled into functions of the heart that we can then express in word and deed in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Col 3:17; Deut 30:14-15). The ability to do something - in word and deed in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST - crystallizes in our heart and manifests from our heart into what we do in word and deed.

This ability to actually do something in the Name of the LORD JESUS is part and parcel of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:17-18, 20; Col 3:17; John 14:12-14; 15:7-8, 16).

[When we do something in the Name of the LORD JESUS, we are doing something in and by and through HIS Witness and Testimony. It is HIS Witness and Testimony - in us functionally - that gives credence to doing something in the Name of the LORD JESUS.]

The primary function of our heart is that it **interfaces *with*** our spirit and soul. In this process, our heart also functions as an **interface *between*** our spirit and soul.

[In the context of the foregoing, the functional model for our inward parts can be expressed as: **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"**. This model assumes that all things **from GOD** come alive to us through our spirit and flow into our heart and thence into our soul and vice versa.

The things of GOD only open to us in this manner when we are born again (see John 3:3). We are born again when we receive a new spirit from GOD (see Eze 36:26). This verse also tells us that a new heart - prophetically called a heart of flesh - comes into being in us from GOD as GOD undertakes to ***progressively remove*** the heart of stone that we have and replace it with a growing heart of flesh (see 2 Cor 3:3, **NKJV**).

In this **new born** re-engineering and re-configuration of our inward operating system, ***all things* from *GOD*** open to our new spirit and arise into our (new) heart and thence into our soul **according to our souls response** to what GOD has made alive in our spirit.

In being born again our new spirit has received the Seed of the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Gal 3:16; 1 Cor 15:45). From this new

beginning, the Rhema Word communicated in the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST has the potential of being received in our spirit (see 1 Cor 2:13) and being communicated into our heart and soul as we (in our soul) ***respond*** to what the HOLY SPIRIT is proclaiming in the Rhema Word.

Our heart and soul have the capacity to receive and they also have the capacity to provide feedbacks, hence the use of the symbol ↔ indicating a "to and from" interface in our inward operating system of **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"**.

The **"↔ heart ↔"** portion of the inward operating system described as **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"** depicts our heart as the ***functional hub*** of our soul and spirit functions.

This functional hub is described as a growing heart of flesh that GOD creates (see Ezekiel 36:26; Ps 51:10; Matt 5:8) and configures out of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST flowing into us - by the HOLY SPIRIT - through the Rhema Word.

This heart of flesh is of the ***substance*** of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness (see John 1:16-17) as we set our hope on HIM (see Heb 11:1, KJV/NKJV; 1 John 3:3).

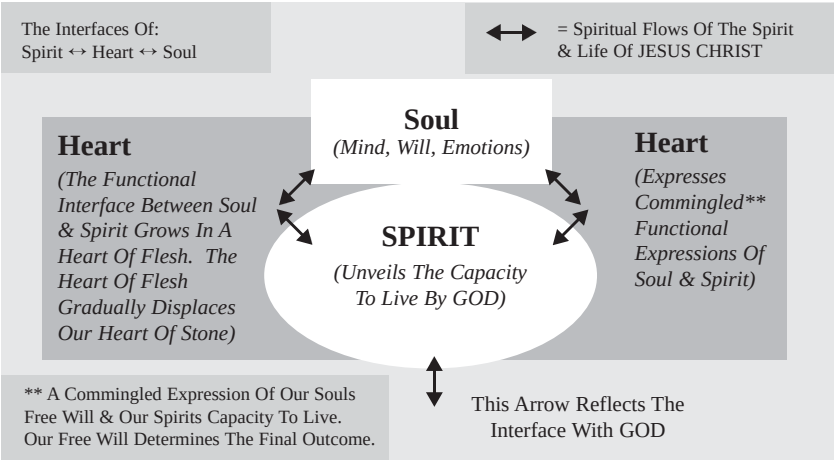
This heart of flesh is the necessary ingredient for the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in our inward parts in abiding terms.]

Since both spirit and soul are built in the Word of GOD it follows that the ***functional interface*** of our heart - with our spirit and our soul - is also perfected and completed in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA by the HOLY SPIRIT.

The whole process is ***subject to our own free will response*** to the Word of GOD! We actualize a heart of flesh forming in us. This heart of flesh is of HIS fullness - in substance and witness.

The schematic on the functional interface of our heart is shown in Figure 11.

FIGURE 11: Schematic Of The Functional Interfaces Of The Inward Man



The good news is that **GOD "is at work in you, both to will and to work for HIS good pleasure."** [See Philippians 2:13.] And this is how GOD does it: **"I will put MY SPIRIT within you and cause you to walk in MY statutes, and you will be careful to observe MY ordinances."** [See Ezekiel 36:27, 25-27.]

GOD causes us to walk in HIS ways through all that HE brings into our spirit. What GOD brings into us is framed in the Rhema (HOLY SPIRIT quickened) Witness and Testimony of JESUS as expressions of the Word of GOD communicated into us in JESUS CHRIST's Spirit and Life.

In salvation, this system of **spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul** is designed to **fully function** in the ***realized realities*** of the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA. These realized realities come out of the **actual** ***contents*** of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST.

The specific contents of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST are fashioned by the HOLY SPIRIT ***into*** our spirit, heart, and soul. In this way our inward

parts are ***created*** in CHRIST JESUS (see Eph 2:10; Eze 36:25-27; 2 Cor 5:17; John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB).

[The symbol **"↔"** describes a **"to and from" interface** between spirit and heart and, heart and soul. **"↔ heart ↔"** also symbolizes the ***interface*** the heart plays ***between*** spirit and soul and, soul and spirit.

This simply means that everything contained in our spirit impacts the soul through our heart and everything in our soul impacts our spirit through our heart.

This also tells us that our inward functions can originate from either our spirit or, from our soul or, from both at the same time.

And when our inward functions originate from both spirit and soul at the same time, this can result in conflict and confusion in our heart, unless **our soul *chooses* to submit** itself to what the HOLY SPIRIT has brought alive in our spirit.

The actual choice crystallizes in our heart at the speed of thought and intent - in response to GOD or ***otherwise***! This response can be a response in obedience or ***disobedience***!]

In principle, our heart unveils its functional contents - arising from spirit and soul - through our mouths and through our deeds. Colossians 3:17 declares the ideal that salvation is to crystallize in us: < **… whatever you do in *word* and *deed*, do all in the Name of the LORD JESUS ….** >.

[There is a functionality of our heart that opens us to GOD - through our spirit (see Matt 5:8). However, there is also a wrongful use of our heart that can position us in the occult too (see John 8:42-47).]

The Scriptures declare that we have the potentials of the Word of GOD being manifested **in our mouth and our heart** and, this becomes the practical expression of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Deut 30:14-15; Matt 5:17-18; Deut 30:6; 1 Peter 4:11). Our mouth speaks out of the abundance of our heart. In GOD, our mouth and heart have an awesome ***prophetic*** potential (see 1 Peter 4:11a). In evil our mouth and heart have a ***destructive*** potential (see James 3:5-6).

A growing fulfillment of the Word of GOD in our mouth and heart is the ***outcome*** of our salvation (see James 3:2) and stands in line with the Law and the Prophets fulfilled.

1 Peter 4:11 (NASB) declares: < **Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances** (NKJV - *oracles*) **of GOD; whoever serves** (or, *ministers* - NKJV), **let him do so by the strength which GOD supplies; so that in all things GOD may be glorified through JESUS CHRIST ….** >.

The ***capacity*** **to speak** and the ***capacity*** **to minister** are defined in the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST alive in our **spirit** man (see Rom 1:9). The ***willingness*** to speak and minister in the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST is alive in our renewed and regenerated **soul** (which carries our conscience - see Rom 9:1).

It must be understood that the functions of both spirit and soul **are necessary** for ***balanced fulfillment*** of the capacity to speak and to minister! And, this again is an expression of the Law and the Prophets fulfilled!

The ability of our soul and spirit to function **in righteousness and holiness of the truth** is an expression of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. This is an outcome of our salvation progressed in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

In describing our inward parts as a composite functional interface of **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"** orchestrated by the HOLY SPIRIT - so that the Testimony and Witness of JESUS CHRIST is **developed** and **expressed** - we have described the ***true*** basis of man being a spiritual being - in GOD's perfect will.

As a spiritual being in GOD, man has the potentials to search the depths of GOD (see 1 Cor 2:10, 9-10, 12)!

Biblical Spirituality declares that man is a spiritual being built and developed in and through the Witness and Testimony of JESUS CHRIST. And, this spiritual actuality is the exclusive workmanship of GOD in our inward parts (see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Ex 32:15-16; Jer 31:31-34). And, this workmanship of GOD in us gives expression to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in each one of us - in a ***functional uniqueness***.

Our spirituality - in truth - is **exclusively** tied to the Testimony of JESUS (see John 14:6). And, our spirituality in truth is **entirely** orchestrated by the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:13-15). Our spirituality is designed to ***operate*** by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS. Romans 8:2, calls this ***life***! This is ***true*** life. This is **GOD-given** and **GOD-developed** life - ***true*** life!

Simply put: the **totality** of our spiritual being is prophetically designed to be ***of*** JESUS CHRIST and, it is designed to **realize** all that is ***of*** CHRIST JESUS and, **function** in *all* that is ***of*** CHRIST JESUS. The ***functional*** prophetic totality that is ***of*** JESUS CHRIST unveils - exclusively - in, by and through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

This is the basis for the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets - we function by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2; 3:21-23, **KJV**). This is the ***exclusive*** functional basis that enables us to break the yokes of lawlessness that governs man in false spirituality. Biblical Spirituality operates in GOD (in the LORD JESUS), by GOD (the HOLY SPIRIT) and for GOD (for the FATHER's glory). Biblical Spirituality is designed to enable man to actually live in and by and through and for GOD!

Biblical Spirituality is based on man's freewill acceptance of GOD as the be-all and end-all of man's ***life*** and ***being*** in eternity. The Bible addresses this reality as eternal life.

Functioning in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, is the basic operating framework for the FATHER's will being brought to fulfillment in man (see Isa 48:16; Rom 8:2; Eph 1:9, 3-14, 17-23). And, functioning in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, is the practical functional basis and framework for the **realization** and **expression** of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets! The fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in our actual functions is what will ***protect us*** from ***cultivating*** lawlessness.

We have in the preceding chapters described the dynamics of our spirituality as functions of our spirit and, soul while making some reference to our heart. **In actuality however, our inward functions are crystallized by our heart *from* what our heart actualizes *from* the functional expressions alive in both our soul and spirit.** A pure heart fulfills the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:8) ***functionally*** (see Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Gen 22:14). And, this comes about through realities sourced in our spirit and soul.

It follows that a pure heart is descriptive of commingled *pure* expressions of soul and spirit! Such a functional reality is actualized ***from*** JESUS CHRIST - through extracts of the specific contents of HIS Spirit and HIS Life, being perfected and completed into the functions of our inward parts (by the HOLY SPIRIT).

The functions of our spirit, soul and heart are functions meant to be described and developed in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT; and, this functional actuality in turn becomes the framework for the fulfillment of the FATHER's Will (see Phil 2:13; Eph 1:9-10, 11-14). [It is also the framework for the unveiling or revelation (see Mark 4:22) of the Mystery of the FATHER's will (see Eph 1:9-10; Rom 8:2; Eph 1:3-14).]

And, this functional actualization is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. ***Any*** spirituality that stands in contradiction to this is an unveiling in the Mystery of Lawlessness (see 2 Thess 2:7, 9; Rom 8:5-8; Gal 5:19-21).

This functional actuality is **the result** of the Word of GOD being **performed** and ***brought to fulfillment*** (see Jer 1:11-12; 31:31-34; 24:7; 32:38-40) in our spirit, soul and heart - in CHRIST JESUS (through extracts of HIS Spirit and HIS Life), by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3; Jer 31:31-34; Heb 10:15-16; Rom 8:2)!

All that is described and developed in CHRIST JESUS **comes to us through all that is founded in and by the Word of GOD** - described in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA. And, what is of the Spirit and Life of JESUS is ***perfected*** and ***completed*** into us through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

[At a time when the experiential is being loosely communicated across our pulpits, it is crucial that we understand that truth is actually communicated in the Word being brought to fulfillment in us **by GOD HIMSELF** in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; Jer 31:33-34; 2 Cor 3:3, 6; Jer 1:11-12). In this sense ***all*** human spiritual experience needs to be a reinforcement of the Word resident in our inward parts in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH.]

The Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA (CHRIST JESUS) gives us access to ***actualizing*** **HIS Fullness** - prophetically described as the Mystery of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-28; Eph 3:3-4, 8c-12). HIS Fullness revealed will

establish us as functioning vessels of GOD in the actual image and fullness of CHRIST JESUS (see Eph 1:17-23)!

There can be no other basis for true spirituality (see John 14:6; 12-14).

CHAPTER 12

The Functionality Of Our Heart

In this chapter we want to consider the functions of our heart.

The ideal model for our inward operating system is **spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul** being fully functional by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2). This ideal model describes the basis of our capacity to live in GOD and by GOD and through GOD - for HIS glory (see Rev 21:9-11)!

[However, the ideal is not yet in full force within us. Our soul - and as a consequence our heart, because of the **soul ↔ heart** interface - is also impacted by what the Scriptures (NASB) call "**the body of our flesh"**. We can see the reference to **"the body of our flesh"** in Colossians 2:11. Paul also refers to **"the body of our flesh"** as **"the body of this death"** in Romans 7:24 (NASB).

And, we can see the impact of the body of our flesh on our soul, being described with clarity by the Apostle Paul in his discourse written in the first person "I" - that is descriptive of his soul - in Romans 7:18, 22-23, 24-25. The flesh has adverse impacts on our abilities to choose freely. There is a spiritual battle that we must be willing to fight - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2) - in our inward parts.

Our flesh and the appetites of our flesh arise from our ***self-centered*** and ***self-indulgent*** expressions of self. Our flesh is the ***spiritual state*** of our **fallen** man (see Gal 5:19-21, 16-17; Rom 8:5-8) that we have received from generations before us (see Ex 34:7b) and, from what we have 'developed' in our own carnal lifestyles.

Colossians 2:13 describes the "body of the flesh" as being: < **dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh** >. When we are

circumcised - in MASHIAH YESHUA, by the HOLY SPIRIT - with the circumcision **"made without hands"** (see Col 2:11 and Rom 2:29) we actualize prophetically what is described as: **"the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of CHRIST (MASHIAH)**".

Our circumcision by the HOLY SPIRIT results in a spiritual work prophetically described as **"the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of CHRIST."** We see this prophetic phrase **"the circumcision of CHRIST"** recorded in Colossians 2:11 (NASB). It is crucial that we understand the ***prophetic*** meaning (and implications) of "the circumcision of **CHRIST"** to actualize the removal of the body of our flesh.

Scripture instructs us that MASHIAH YESHUA was circumcised on the 8th day in accordance with the requirements of the Law, and was given the Name YESHUA (JESUS), as noted in Luke 2:21.

[See also Matthew 5:17-18 where the LORD declares that HE has come to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. Our understanding of Scripture must flow in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets protects us from opening the occult doors of the Mystery of Lawlessness in which the angel of light (satan) operates. Never forget that one third of the angelic realm fell to the Mystery of Lawlessness.]

The circumcision of CHRIST involves **the circumcision of *HIS* Heart** (see Deut 10:16) in order to achieve - through HIS death and suffering - a Witness and Testimony that expresses the ***prophetic actuality*** of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Deut 30:6; Heb 1:3b). The circumcision of HIS Heart has resulted in a perfect and complete prophetic actuality (or, expression) of faith and love - arising out of HIS holy love for the FATHER - being actually made available **in the SPIRIT** for the salvation of fallen man.

This Witness of HIS circumcised Heart becomes the witness in which the yokes of our sin are broken. [We *receive* and *experience* the first fruits of this Witness when we are born again.] The Name JESUS or YESHUA achieved its **preeminent** status before GOD in the Witness of HIS circumcised Heart (see Rev 3:14b) that stands in the prophetic actuality of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in a living expression of the Spirit of Holiness (see Rom 1:3-4). It is the prophetic actuality of HIS true and faithful

Witness (see Rev 3:14b) - in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:8) - that gives perfect expression to HIS faith and love - ***for GOD*** - towards man.

HIS true and faithful Witness is the Witness of the Master's circumcised heart. This true and faithful Witness - in Spirit, Water and Blood - is meant to be developed in our inward parts (see 1 John 5:10a, 8) so that we will have a circumcised heart of (HIS) flesh (see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; John 6:51; Eze 36:26).

Philippians 3:3 declares that we who are circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 2:29) worship the FATHER by the SPIRIT, glory in CHRIST JESUS and **have no confidence in the flesh! Having no confidence in the (fallen) flesh, is the growing evidence of the body of our flesh being removed.** It is the evidence of the ***degree of circumcision*** accomplished in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets - in us, in Spirit, Water and Blood. It is the evidence of the level in which HIS Witness has been manifested (perfected and completed) in our inward parts.

[We see the Testimony of **"having no confidence in the flesh"** being demonstrated in the Testimony of JESUS (in John 5:30) : < **I can do nothing on MY own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and MY judgment is just because I do not seek MY own will, but the will of HIM WHO sent ME.** >

We can also see this reality of **"having no confidence in the flesh"** also being demonstrated in the Master's responses to temptations by satan prior to the commencement of HIS ministry in Matthew 4:1-11a.

The circumcision of the Master's Heart was completed when HE declared at the Cross: **"it is finished; FATHER, into THY Hands I commit MY Spirit."**]

Currently, in us, the removal of the body of our flesh is a work in progress or a work in process. The Scriptures declare that the body of our flesh is removed in **the circumcision of CHRIST** - by the communication ***into us*** of the **contents** of MASHIAH YESHUA's circumcised Heart - by Witness and Testimony that manifests ***in us*** the communication of HIS Spirit and Life, HIS Faith and Love, the contents of HIS Heart and HIS Mind, HIS Nature and Character!

The contents of MASHIAH YESHUA's circumcised Heart, is what will result in a heart of (HIS) flesh being formed in us.

As we function in the heart of flesh being formed in us, we are circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT in these functional expressions of the Testimony of JESUS from our inward parts!

Our heart of flesh is of the substance of HIS fullness. This heart of flesh is circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 2:29) so that the functions of this heart of flesh will align with the FATHER's Will in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. In this process of our circumcision the body of our flesh is removed in **the circumcision of CHRIST**!

There is something that must be established in our hearts, as a witness realized in our own free will response to the Testimony of YESHUA that will seal **the circumcision of CHRIST** into our inward parts.

Just as the LORD was circumcised and given the Name YESHUA (JESUS), so in us it is **the preeminence of YESHUA** ***revealed and manifested in us*** - by the HOLY SPIRIT - that ultimately breaks the **spiritual strongholds** of the body of our flesh.

In the actuality of the preeminence of YESHUA in our hearts - actualized from perfect expressions of HIS faith and love, expressed in holiness towards GOD, **being witnessed and *responded* to in our own heart** - the Law and the Prophets are brought to fulfillment in us in some measure. And, we can in this measure - of HIS Preeminence actualized in our free will response to HIM - actually function in the Name of the **LORD** JESUS (see Col 3:17; John 14:12-14).

The spiritual influences of our fallen fleshly man are broken and overcome through the Testimony of JESUS unveiled in us in HIS Spirit and HIS Life, in HIS Faith and HIS Love for us - as HIS Nature and Character are formed in us.

The preeminence of JESUS CHRIST as LORD manifests in us ***as*** HIS Spirit, HIS Life, HIS Faith, HIS Love and, HIS Nature and Character are perfected and completed ***into us*** by the HOLY SPIRIT - even as our soul (more correctly: our **heart ↔ soul** interface) accepts this actuality of HIS preeminence and, **chooses to *immerse itself*** in this actuality of HIS preeminence - ***functionally***!

The spiritual key to actualizing the circumcision of our heart is ***willing, actual function*** in the LORD JESUS Name (see Col 3:17)!

The understanding of HIS preeminence is a *revealed* reality that is perfected and completed into us - in our heart ' soul - as we **accept** and **respond** to the LORDship of MASHIAH YESHUA in our inward parts. Ultimately, HIS position as LORD is reflected **through all that we *do* in word and deed - how we do things, and *for whom* we do it**.

It's ***the doing in HIS Name*** that circumcises our heart of flesh in HIS preeminence!

The actual and *willing* recognition of the LORD JESUS CHRIST's preeminence is what results in a circumcision of our heart that removes the body of our flesh (through its interface with the human soul)!

Obviously this is a process that comes to fruition as we are ***actually*** able to live increasingly in the glory of YESHUA's preeminence in thought, word and deed - in a ***freewill*** **heart ↔ soul** response in thought, word and deed.

In HIS preeminence established in our inward parts, the LORD JESUS **governs** all that we do in word and deed (see Col 3:17)! And, this again is a living expression of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see John 14:12-14; 15:7-9).

And so, we see that an increasingly circumcised heart is able to increasingly do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens it! A circumcised heart is able to do things - potentially (or, prophetically) ***all things*** - in the Name of the LORD JESUS.

In the model **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"** we see that our heart acts as the interface between spirit and soul. And, this is because soul and spirit are separate entities designed to operate independent of each other. This is why Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word divides soul and spirit asunder.

[And, such a separation of functions is necessary so that man will always have the ability to exercise his own mind and will before GOD and, be a living soul ***having* and *choosing to exercise* the capacities *of* the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST** to the glory of the FATHER.

In the exercise of our free will spiritual capacities to the glory of the FATHER, we are expressing our ***actual*** love for GOD!

This is what gives credence to the vibrant and unique ***individual*** relationship potentials that stand between GOD and man! And, this in turn is what will give pleasure to the FATHER-Heart of GOD: that HIS children actually love HIM and, they are actually living and having their being in HIM, by HIM and for HIM - **in their own free will**! HE has actually become their life in fully functional terms. This actuality is **perfection** ***completed*** in some measure (see Matt 5:48)!]

In the heart there is a co-mingled expression of soul and spirit that give expression to our being in both spiritual and natural terms. This is how man actually lives. **The spiritual expresses governance over all that flows into the natural** through the exercise of our bodily functions and bodily capacities.

Depending on what governs our spiritual state - GOD or, the spiritualities of the body of our flesh - we can be either godly or sinful or some combination thereof. In the actuality of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA operating in the totality of our inward parts - by the HOLY SPIRIT, we have the potentials to actualize the realities of being the head and not the tail and being above and not beneath (see Deut 28:13a).

The final outcome ***depends*** on our response to GOD, through the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA, by the HOLY SPIRIT - or, our response to our fleshly appetites.

[Our response to our fleshly appetites must be overcome and put to death. However, ***by*** grace, such a reality of our fleshly appetites being put to death, unveils by a circumcision done without hands - **through the circumcision of CHRIST** - by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 2:29)! Our heart - called a growing heart of (HIS) flesh (see Eze 36:26; **John 6:51**) - unveils as the ***exclusive*** workmanship of GOD (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Deut 30:6).

This heart of (HIS) flesh in us is circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 2:29) into functional realities that open - by hope (see Heb 6:19) - through the veil of HIS flesh ***"being parted"*** (see Heb 10:20, 19-20; John 16:14). The veil

of HIS flesh ***is parted*** in revealed realities that are developed into actual functions that operate by the HOLY SPIRIT in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST formed in us.

These functional realities stand behind the veil through hope in YESHUA MASHIAH (see Heb 6:19; 12:22-24). And, this is a work of GOD's righteousness perfected and completed ***functionally*** into our inward parts (see 1 John 3:3; Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2). This hope in JESUS CHRIST is an expression of a circumcised reality that stands and operates behind the veil of HIS Flesh! Biblical Spirituality operates increasingly in a circumcised reality that stands in the veil of (HIS) flesh parted in our heart.]

In all that we have discussed so far, we can see that co-mingled expressions of spirit and soul in the heart can be of GOD or, they can be contrary to GOD or, they can be an actual mixture of true spirituality and ***spiritual carnality*** (addressed in the Scriptures as ***the flesh***)!

We can see this mixture of true spirituality and fleshly carnality demonstrated in the Apostle Peter's responses to JESUS CHRIST recorded in Matthew 16:13-23.

We can also see this mixture of true spirituality and carnality in the Apostle Peter's walk on water in response to CHRIST's command to walk towards HIM over the water (see Matt 14:28-33).

There are two governing realities that impact our inward parts and their functions. The first reality is the Law of the SPIRIT of Life, in CHRIST JESUS. The second reality is the Law of Sin and Death. We see both realities recorded in Romans 8:2.

The first reality is Life by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Isa 48:16). The second reality is that which is of the fallen flesh of man that gives actual expression to sin and death (see Rom 7:18, 22-23, 24-25; Gal 5:19-21, 16-17; Rom 8:5-8) - experientially and operationally - in both spiritual and natural terms. Our inward parts can respond to both these operating systems. One is of GOD and one is ***actually opposed*** to GOD.

In GOD, *every* spiritual reality arises from GOD through our spirit into our heart (see John 5:19-20; 1 Cor 2:7, 9, 10-16). What is in our heart then

penetrates our soul as our soul **chooses to respond** through its interface with the heart.

Our soul can also shut-off the flows of GOD arising through our spirit by **choosing not to respond** or, by **ignoring** what is being witnessed by GOD in/to our spirit.

Every reality (or, response) that arises ***from our own*** selves arises from our soul into our heart. Our soul is an expression of our self, an expression of our unique individuality.

[John 5:19 and John 5:30 depict ***true*** expressions of self **in relation to GOD** in the Testimony of JESUS. Paul confesses such a reality in CHRIST JESUS in Galatians 2:20, KJV : < **I am crucified with CHRIST: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *CHRIST liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh *I live by the faith of the SON of GOD*, WHO loved me, and *gave HIMSELF* for me.** >]

Hence our heart is designed to co-mingle what GOD provides through our spirit with our freewill choice from the soul; and together, this determines our freewill response to all that GOD provides spiritually. On the other hand, through our soul, our heart can also manifest a rejection to what the HOLY SPIRIT is bringing forth through our spirit.

Ultimately, all of our responses - true or false or some combination thereof - are determined from our heart, from commingled expressions of our soul and spirit. That is, the actual final response to anything - true or false - actually crystallizes in our heart!

Our heart can move by the HOLY SPIRIT but, it can also operate separate from the HOLY SPIRIT according to the intents of our soul (**and the influences of the flesh** that impact the soul according to the Law of Sin and Death).

For our heart to function by the HOLY SPIRIT our heart must operate from and through our spirit, in the Spirit and Life of JESUS resident within us (see Rom 1:9; 9:1).

In this **spirit ↔ heart** operating mode our **heart ↔ soul** interface ***can*** make itself ***subject*** to the HOLY SPIRIT - ***by freewill choice in response to all that***

GOD is saying. Our response can be in articulated thoughts or, by spiritual instinct expressing our inward spiritual senses (see Heb 5:13-14). Our ***inward spiritual senses*** form as we respond to - hear, understand, accept, hold fast and act upon - the Word of Righteousness.

[**Our choice necessarily involves our *willingness* to *overcome* our flesh**. The ability to overcome the flesh has to be developed in partnership with the HOLY SPIRIT through the formation of the Character and Nature of MASHIAH YESHUA in our inward parts (see 2 Peter 1:3-4). For example as the spirit of our mind is renewed (see Eph 4:23-24) our thought forms actually change into something brand new - ***configured in* the actualities** of the Word of GOD.

Similarly, the Spirit of CHRIST, alive in our spirit - by the HOLY SPIRIT, can actualize the strength of MASHIAH YESHUA to overcome our flesh (see Phil 4:13, 19, 23).

By the HOLY SPIRIT, we can actualize - **by energizing** - the Testimony of JESUS that carries the enabling power to ***cause us*** to do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Eze 36:27; Phil 4:13) .

The Gift of Tongues is a tool that enables us to **energize** the Spirit and Life ***contents*** of the Testimony of JESUS (see John 6:63; 1 Cor 14:2; Col 1:26-27) so that we will ***draw*** strength - ***from* out of** the Spirit and Life of YESHUA alive in us - to overcome or say no to evil or the urges of the flesh (see Isa 28:11-12; Zeph 3:9).

Nonetheless, every ability to overcome, through the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA still requires a willing response from us. Again the actuality of a willing response to GOD can be drawn out of the Testimony of JESUS into our inward parts by the HOLY SPIRIT's online ministry to our inward parts.

Tongues are a ***tool*** that enables us to actualize the ***constituent*** realities of the Mystery of CHRIST - **which are the *actualities* of the Testimony of JESUS** - into our inward operating system (**spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul**), by the HOLY SPIRIT.

The **actualities** of the Testimony of JESUS CHRIST ***manifest*** in HIS Spirit, HIS Life, HIS Faith, HIS Love, HIS Obedience, HIS Nature, Character, etc.

Tongues are designed to give **actual** ***spiritual expression*** to the Hidden Manna - the constituent (or, ingredient) revealed realities - of the Testimony of YESHUA (see Rev 2:17; Deut 29:29; Mark 4:22, 20) into the inward parts of our being.

It is crucial to understand that tongues will facilitate this process **provided** we acknowledge the LORD WHO is the SPIRIT (see 2 Cor 3:17-18) - by hearing, in a growing obedience that involves our understanding (see Matt 13:23), our acceptance (see Mark 4:20) and our willingness to live by the Word (see Luke 8:15; Rev 19:13c) that the HOLY SPIRIT has brought alive to our inward parts (see Heb 10:15-16).

We need to ask the FATHER for the HOLY SPIRIT (see Luke 11:13, 9-10). We need to invite the HOLY SPIRIT **and not take HIM for granted** by simply using tongues to energize our spirit man according to our whims and fancies!

We need to ask the HOLY SPIRIT to work the processes of salvation into our inward parts. We need to choose to relate to the HOLY SPIRIT through prayer expressed in the attitudes and desires of our heart to actualize the fullness of CHRIST JESUS!

And, we must understand and **always remember** that if we are actually moving by the HOLY SPIRIT, the LORD JESUS CHRIST will always be glorified in the witness of our heart (see 1 John 5:10). The LORDship of YESHUA - HIS ***recognized*** and ***growing*** **preeminence** in our own heart and mind - is **the *only* way** we can ascertain that we are moving by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14). YESHUA is ***the*** Way that gives clarity to the ways of the SPIRIT (see John 10:1-2, 9-10)!

This is why the **Testimony** of JESUS is called ***the*** **Spirit** of Prophecy (see Rev 19:10c).

The ability to live by the Testimony of JESUS - **which is always** unveiled by the HOLY SPIRIT - stands at the heart of our salvation. See John 16:14, 13-15. See also Romans 8:1-14. All of our freewill responses are **constituent** to the process of our being circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT, in a circumcision done without hands, through **realized actualities** that are ***of*** the circumcision of CHRIST.

Our heart is circumcised in the circumcised realities of the Testimony of JESUS perfected and completed into us. In this circumcision JESUS will be LORD in us!]

For our heart to do what ***we*** want it to do, it operates through our ***renewed*** soul, exclusively in accordance with our mind, our will and our emotions [and the resident impacts of our flesh on each of these soul functions]. In this mode our heart operates according to the perfected state of our soul; that is, our heart functions together with the renewed soul and its inherent residual imperfections and weaknesses.

Our character flaws - arising from the overriding habitual influences of our fleshly desires - will impact this **heart ↔ soul** operating mode. Our hurts, our anger, our pride, elements of lust and greed, our self-will etc. impact the operation of our **heart ↔ soul** interface.

[In this self-denominated, operating reality we will operate in the Law of Sin and Death and experience the consequences of this spiritual Law that operates in the reality of Sin and Death.]

When we operate by the HOLY SPIRIT, our **heart ↔ soul** interface (that operates through our mind, our will and, our emotions) always has the option of submitting to what the SPIRIT is saying or leading; or, our **heart ↔ soul** interface has the option to actually curtail the **spirit ↔ heart** interface; or, even switch out of it at the speed of thought, intent and desire.

In effect we see that our heart is able to interact with both our soul and spirit at the speed of thought and instinct. It can do so wholly in GOD, wholly in our self, or wholly in a mixture of both GOD and our self (which is probably our current, general, state of inward operations).

So, how does GOD develop our inward functions in righteousness and holiness of the truth?

CHAPTER 13

The 'Shabbat-Shalom' Of Our Inward Parts

Deuteronomy 29:29 declares: < **The secret things belong to the LORD our GOD, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that *we may observe* all the words of this Law.** >

"That we *may observe* all the words of this Law" - what an astonishing outcome to revelations actualized from GOD (see Mark 4:22; **Rev 19:10c, 13c**)! AMEN! The secret things of GOD open to us in the Mystery of CHRIST and, the outcome of the revelation of CHRIST JESUS is that we can do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us!

All things that belong to us - from GOD - are ***revealed***, inscribed and developed functionally in a circumcised heart of MASHIAH YESHUA's flesh fashioned and formed within us (see Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; Eze 36:26; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Rom 2:28-29; 2 Cor 3:6). [We are in fact being developed - in salvation progressed in our inward parts - to function through the veil of YESHUA's flesh (see Heb 10:19-20, NASB).]

The secret things that belong to the LORD (see John 16:15, 14) are brought into our spirit by the HOLY SPIRIT in revealed realities (see Mark 4:22). What is revealed - when perfected into us - through living expressions of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST, via choices made, into actual functions - come to belong to us ***in/from*** our heart.

The result is that we are ***enabled*** to obey GOD as described in Ezekiel 36:27 - **as GOD *causes us to obey***! This ***enabling*** to obey is at the heart of salvation! This ***enabling*** to obey is the fulfillment of the Law!

This tells us that it is through the revealed Word of GOD - the Word **manifested *in us*** in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA - which, when quickened

into its ***energized*** (see Eph 3:20) form, manifests actual change in us and enables us to obey GOD in growing, and potentially fully functional terms: < **That *we may observe* all the words of this Law.** > - as declared in Deuteronomy 29:29.

[See Psalm 119:25-35 and understand its fulfillment in CHRIST JESUS (see Luke 24:44-45) through the communication of HIS Fullness through actual impartations of HIS Spirit and HIS Life through the Rhema Word (see John 1:16-17; Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:17, 20; John 6:63; Heb 3:14 (NKJV). Such a work in our inward parts is engineered and developed by the HOLY SPIRIT in accordance with ***our response*** to GOD's Word.]

Obedience involves a strong and growing spirit man and, it involves the transformation of our soul - through renewal and regeneration by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26-27) - through the **energized** contents of the revealed Word of GOD.

The ***energized contents*** of the revealed Word are released into us ***in*** and ***as*** the contents of the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA, according to the kind intents of the FATHER's will (see Eph 1:5, 3-6, 7-11).

[We can energize the revealed Word into its functional realities through the use of tongues (see Isa 28:9-11; Zeph 3:9).]

In earlier chapters, we described a **spirit ↔ soul** interface in which the soul is perfected by all that the spirit actualizes by the HOLY SPIRIT. In actuality, this interface of **spirit ↔ soul** always takes place ***through*** the heart.

The heart is the interface where expressions from soul and spirit commingle, and responses to GOD are made in a ***potential*** enabling, actualized ***from*** the Spirit of CHRIST.

The phrase "***potential*** enabling" is used because all enablement still requires a free will ***affirmation*** and ***agreement*** from the soul of man.

[And it necessarily involves the heart because it is the **soul ↔ heart** interface that manifests our freewill choice and response to what our spirit expresses by the HOLY SPIRIT. Our freewill response - ultimately actualized in a resultant ***lifestyle*** - is crucial for anything ***to come to***

fruition in us in the abiding. Ultimately all things are measured ***by how*** and ***by whom*** we live.]

The heart actualizes enablement from our spirit and, our heart also actualizes a response (to GOD) from our soul! Our heart actualizes enablement from the Spirit of CHRIST, and our heart actualizes **the *necessary* agreement** or acceptance from our soul.

Enablement (from our spirit), ***acceptance and agreement*** (from our soul) **commingle** in our heart and, the HOLY SPIRIT patiently engineers a circumcision that perfects our heart according to the Words of MASHIAH YESHUA that the HOLY SPIRIT has quickened to us (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33).

[All words in truth manifest from GOD the WORD through HIS Spirit and HIS Life. In HIS Spirit and Life - through communications in HIS Faith and HIS Love - the Word of GOD becomes flesh in our heart. This is the ***sole conduit*** of truth that stands in accordance with the **"I AM"** of GOD (see Ps 138:2c).]

The commingled realities of ***enablement*** (from our spirit), ***acceptance and agreement*** (from our soul), in the heart, in turn become the basis of **feedback** from heart to soul and, from heart to spirit.

These feedbacks are crucial to our soul and spirit being perfected and completed into a ***functional*** **spiritual equilibrium**. This functional spiritual equilibrium is in our freewill standing in agreement with what GOD is saying and doing. This functional spiritual equilibrium is prophetically addressed as GOD's **"Shabbat Shalom"** to our inward parts.

This **"Shabbat Shalom"** is the true and faithful Witness in Spirit, Water and Blood (see Rev 3:14b; 1 John 5:10a, 8). Tongues facilitate the growth and development of this **"Shabbat Shalom"** (see Isa 28:11-12). And, this facilitates the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see 1 Cor 14:21).

The prophetic significance of **"Shabbat Shalom"** is an inward state of rest in peace with well being that ***derives from*** GOD and, is exclusively an expression of HIS work in our inward parts - both spirit and soul. Under the Law the Sabbath was declared to be a compulsory day of rest. In GOD we

function (or, operate) in a rest that proclaims GOD's All-Sufficiency in all that we function (or, operate) in (see Ps 46:10; Isa 54:10; Ps 64:10).

In the fulfillment of the Law, the Sabbath is an inward functional state of rest that enables us to know that we are functioning in a state of rest in GOD (see Ps 46:10). This is a rest that is an actualization of what we can do through CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13; Gal 4:19) versus what we do in flesh! The ability to actually function by GOD is the fulfillment of the Law!

We become **actual *functioning*** vessels of GOD's Righteousness!

Shalom is peace with well being. Shalom - in personal terms - represents victory over our flesh as well as victory over satan in the quality of the Witness that we express. Shalom is described in the Prophets as an expression of the reality of being in functional Covenant with GOD (see Isa 54:10). Shalom also represents the tangible witness of victory over satan (see Rom 16:20) and is the witness of the over-comer (see Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21).

Shalom is the spiritual expression of our inward parts attaining - by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2) - a ***functional* Covenant *guarantee*** in CHRIST JESUS (see Heb 7:22; Isa 54:10) through our inward witness before GOD (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV). This functional Covenant guarantee is the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of YHWH actualized.

"Shabbat Shalom" is the prophetic expression of a functional **Covenant Spirituality** - in truth - that stands in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets actualized from our inward parts. It is the actualized assurance of YHWH that results in us having ***no doubt*** (see Matt 17:20; Mark 11:23)! Having some level of ***confidence*** (see Heb 3:14, NKJV) is the **"Shabbat Shalom"** that expresses ***a functional Covenant basis*** in CHRIST (see Phil 4:13; Gal 4:19).

"Shabbat Shalom" is the necessary inward state that leads to the actual removal of spiritual mountains (see Mark 11:23; Matt 21:21; 17:20) that stand in opposition to GOD and HIS Word. The removal of these spiritual mountains, give clarity and expression to HIS will, HIS plans and HIS purposes in our inward parts. The result is an inward state having "no doubt"! This reality of having "no doubt" is an outcome of salvation in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets! It is part and parcel of GOD's provision to us.

From the removal of spiritual mountains, mountains in the natural can also be removed - both instantaneously as well as progressively with time. But, all of this flows in a **"Shabbat Shalom"** so that we can clearly ascertain that this is of GOD and not of our carnal flesh. The witness in the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of the LORD results in a growing confidence in GOD as we unveil as ***partakers*** of CHRIST (see Heb 3:14).

We need to understand that fundamentally the removal of spiritual mountains relate to the removal of the spiritual barriers of our flesh that are a hindrance to our functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT. So **"Shabbat Shalom"** is the spirituality **by Covenant Witness** that stands above any fleshly impediment. **"Shabbat Shalom"** is the Covenant Witness - in Spirit, Water and Blood - the over-comer has actualized by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

It is important to understand that what stands in contradiction to the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of the LORD is an internal violence (see Eze 28:16a) and a heart and mind that is full of self and self-importance and self-righteousness (see Eze 28:17-18). Such a ***persistent*** spiritual state of ***disequilibrium*** in the inward parts is what led to Lucifer's downfall and destruction. **"Shabbat Shalom"** is our **on-line Blood Covenant connection** to YHWH ADONAI (the LORD GOD).

Given the fact that the **"Shabbat Shalom"** is engineered by GOD in our inward parts, we can understand that the witness that is contradictory to the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of the LORD is reflective of an upset in our inward operating conditions that need a corrective response that involves repentance and the pursuit of actual change in our inward operating conditions. This inevitably involves the ***nature*** and ***character*** of our inward operating conditions.

Additionally, the preeminence of JESUS CHRIST is also crucial to our spiritual well being. And, this preeminence of the LORD JESUS is established in a **"Shabbat Shalom"** in our inward parts. HE is the Prince of Peace (see Isa 9:6) the actual revelation of YHWH SHALOM to our inward parts (see John 17:6a, 26)!

And, HE is **YHWH ADONAI** the LORD revealed to our inward parts (see Ps 46:10)! AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 2 Cor 1:20-22)! In the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of YHWH alive in our inward parts we can do all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us! AMEN!

CHAPTER 14

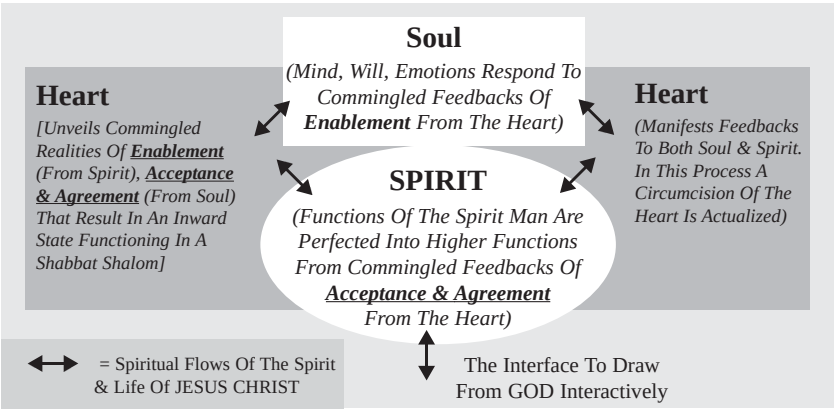
Actualizing Spiritual Growth

Our heart is designed to function in GOD in an inward **Blood Covenant** ***operating system*** that is designed to function in a **"Shabbat Shalom"**. The heart unveils its ***true*** functional mode in some measure of the **"Shabbat Shalom"** witnessed, based on a system of corrective feedbacks to/from soul and spirit.

These feedback loops are similar in concept to how electronic control systems operate in for example a manufacturing environment in order to achieve an operating steady state, whenever there have been upsets in the operating process system.

It is the HOLY SPIRIT WHO engineer's corrections to upset conditions. However, every correction involves our willing response in hope, faith, righteousness, love and holiness. Every correction is the exclusive handiwork and response of GOD to our every response to HIM (see Ex 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, 6, NKJV). Such a system of feedbacks is illustrated in Figure 12 and explained in the paragraphs that follow.

FIGURE 12: Feedbacks Designed To Achieve The "Shabbat Shalom" Of YHWH



What is manifested in our heart - from our spirit and from our soul - in turn feeds back into our soul and, into our spirit. Through this feedback, the soul receives from the heart **enablement** - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT - according to the souls willing response to what has been fed back from our heart.

The HOLY SPIRIT works ***an enablement*** from extracts of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST into our soul. This enablement is extracted from the ***enabling functions*** of HIS life-giving Spirit so that our soul is enabled to respond to its prior inadequacies ***willingly*** in a framework of the mind operating in truth.

Although there are times when such feedback is virtually instantaneous at the speed of though and intent; at most times however, such a positive feedback actually involves radical changes in the character and nature of our soul which take time to perfect and complete. The HOLY SPIRIT governs the process of change (see Heb 12:2a; John 16:14; Heb 10:15-16).

What about feedbacks to our spirit man? Realities of ***agreement*** and ***acceptance*** from our soul, alive in our heart, in turn manifest a feedback to our spirit, which in turn is then able to **press on** to actualize the deeper realities of CHRIST JESUS, through the HOLY SPIRIT's leading and inspiration. **Again we are to be led by the HOLY SPIRIT**.

Sometimes such a response is instantaneous at the speed of thought and intent; but usually the ability to press on requires further feedback to heart and soul **to *achieve* the willingness** to pursue these deeper realities. And, this is because deeper spiritual pursuits always involve changes in our thought processes and our lifestyles. And, this willingness to change requires time depending on the constituent ingredients of our individual nature and character.

In principle, we can explore the depths of GOD and actualize **"things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that GOD has prepared for those who love HIM"**. See 1 Corinthians 2:10, 9, 11-12. In pursuing the depths of GOD, a battle of choices has to be fought in our inward parts. But, through CHRIST WHO strengthens us, we can do all things (see Phil 4:13, 19, 23). CHRIST strengthens us as HIS life-giving Spirit (see 1 Cor 15:45) is formed in us - in spirit, heart and soul (see Gal 4:19). That's what this book is communicating.

All of this expresses the ***true*** realm of the dynamics of our spirituality. All this takes place at the speed of thought, intent, attitude, desire, imagination etc. in our inward parts, in line with our willingness to pursue change in our nature, character and lifestyle. We actualize an enabling according to the ***spirit*** we are cultivating through the choices we make from our soul. If we cultivate **the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST**, all things ***become possible*** through CHRIST WHO strengthens us.

[If we pander to our flesh then we will develop a spirituality that is fleshly and carnal - and ***patently false***. Romans 8:5-7, declares that the flesh manifests death, as well as actual hostility towards GOD.]

If all we do is pursued in the Testimony of JESUS then we will actualize greater measures of the **Spirit** of CHRIST which ***will*** facilitate and enable the progression of fulfillment in our inward parts.

This is why the Testimony of JESUS is the **Spirit** of Prophecy! It is the **Spirit** of CHRIST that gives expression to the prophetic - which unveils the Covenant reality of ***actual fulfillment*** - in truth, to our inward parts.

Biblical Spirituality is exciting because of the potentials of **Blood Covenant *fulfillment*** engineered by GOD HIMSELF in our inward parts.

The Word of GOD resident in our spirit, heart and soul, enables us to judge and discern ***our own*** intentions and desires and make choices either for or against GOD - depending on whether our **spirit ↔ heart** interface or **soul ↔ heart** interface dominate our spiritual pursuits! GOD always engineers change through our **spirit ↔ heart** interface! Our **soul ↔ heart** interface manifests man-centered realities that are when influenced by the flesh actually contrary to GOD.

Given this interactive capability, we see that our heart co-mingles information from both our spirit and soul, and, the Word of GOD made alive in us enables us to make a choice or decision as to what we are going to do! This is what Hebrews 4:12 says the Word does: < **judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart** >. Hence we see that we have the potential to develop the ***capacity*** (and ***sensitivity***) to know whether we are doing something by GOD or whether we are operating in the flesh (see Heb 5:13-14; Rom 9:1).

Our heart provides feedbacks to our spirit and our soul. These feedbacks into our spirit and soul depend on what was originally crystallized and discerned - by the heart - from flows from our spirit and soul. Spiritual feedback enables us ***to choose to*** correct what our heart carries. And, this in turn gives the opportunity for a corrective feedback (from soul and spirit) to the discrepancies in our heart. Always free choice is involved. And, in everything, we do things according to the dynamics of our spirituality perfected and completed **in CHRIST JESUS**, ***by the HOLY SPIRIT***.

Always free choice involves judgment or discernment - which can be true or false depending on the intents of our heart (see Jer 17:9-10)! All falsehood arises from the ***flesh controlled*** or ***flesh inspired*** functions of our mind, will and emotions that have the self denominated potential of governing our heart in carnality.

[All truth on the other hand is **governed in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST** (1 Cor 15:45) and all that is energized and brought to life from it into our inward parts. Truth operates in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the FATHER's will. The life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST ***defines*** and ***enables*** this operation ***in*** **Blood Covenant**.]

This is why GOD declares (in Jer 17:9-10) the following: < **The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.** >

In fallen man, the heart is deceitful - period! Ezekiel 36:26 tells us that the heart of fallen man is a heart of stone. The “stone” is in the image of the “god” that the heart has **chosen** to idolize. The idol crystallized in the heart of stone has come about from the co-mingled crystallizations of man's ***flesh controlled*** or ***flesh inspired*** mind, will and emotions.

Ultimately what we believe in our heart comes out in what we do in word and deed. This is why in Jeremiah 17:10, GOD talks about **the results of our deeds**. The results of our deeds flow out of the intentions of our heart. Similarly, our words flow out of the intentions of our heart.

Fallen man's belief is an actual expression of the god of stone that reigns in his heart. Given the fact that man has no capacity for absolute thought, fallen

man's heart reflects the god who governs his heart and, the god whom he serves.

John 8:42-47 puts this across with astonishing clarity, in recording LORD JESUS' exchange of words with members of the Jewish ***religious*** leadership: < **JESUS said to them, "<u>If GOD were your FATHER, you would *love* ME</u>; for I proceeded forth and have come from GOD, for I have not even come on MY own initiative, but HE sent ME.**

Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear MY Word.

<u>You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father</u>. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

But because I speak the truth, you do not believe ME.

Which one of you convicts ME of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe ME?

He who is of GOD hears the words of GOD; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of GOD." >

In born again man, the heart of man is in two functional states - a (potentially) **<u>diminishing</u>** heart of stone and a (potentially) **<u>growing</u>** heart of (MASHIAH's) flesh. In born again man, the heart has the potential of both falsehood and truth depending on how the heart chooses to respond to GOD!

<u>True</u> choices are made in a co-mingled reality of soul and spirit - by the HOLY SPIRIT - at some level of a perfected state in conformance to CHRIST JESUS, which **<u>the HOLY SPIRIT has established</u>** in our inward parts, even as we have chosen to respond to HIM. YESHUA MASHIAH bears witness to this reality of making ***<u>true</u>*** choices by declaring the following:

- From John 5:19, the LORD declares: < **... Truly, truly, I say to you, <u>the SON can do nothing of HIMSELF</u>, unless it is something HE sees the FATHER doing; for whatever the FATHER does, these things the SON also does in like manner.** >

- From John 5:30, the LORD declares: < **I can do nothing on MY own <u>initiative</u>. As I hear, I judge; and MY judgment is just, <u>because I do not seek MY own will</u>, but the will of HIM WHO sent ME.** >

YESHUA MASHIAH gives the spiritual, prophetic key to ***<u>true</u>* <u>choice making</u>** (that manifests the circumcision of CHRIST) in the following words: < **because I do not seek MY own will** >. It also follows that such a reality is entirely foreign to all of us. That is, it must be **<u>received</u>** ***<u>from</u>*** JESUS CHRIST through the actual communication of HIS Testimony - in ***substance*** and ***witness*** - into our inward parts of **spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul**.

The ***<u>prophetic</u>*** key to this communication is the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA. And, this prophetic key is only unveiled and energized into actual function by the HOLY SPIRIT.

It follows also that for us to possess such a reality of < **because I do not seek MY own will** >, this reality has to be revealed and perfected into us by being completed into the dynamics of our **"spirit ↔ heart ↔ soul"** functions and interfaces. This reality is entirely dependent on the **<u>form</u>** and **<u>magnitude</u>** of the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA **<u>actualized</u>** through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT!

From this we can say that false choices arise from our desire to do what we want to do. That is, when our soul dominates our choosing, the heart functions in some level of deceit. When the soul configures the parameters, contents and, realities that manifest our choice, then our heart functions in some level of deceit.

However, when our heart hears and understands what the HOLY SPIRIT is saying through our spirit, in and by the activation of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA alive in our spirit, we have the basis for **<u>making</u>** ***right choices*** and putting into place corrective actions as the soul submits to what the SPIRIT is saying.

Our **heart ↔ soul** interface has to accept what our **spirit ↔ heart** interface is crystallizing - by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS - before the right choice (at some level of true spirituality in CHRIST JESUS) is made. Remember that the New Covenant Law of Life is defined in CHRIST JESUS and is ***<u>made</u>*** fully operational by the HOLY SPIRIT - setting us free from the Law of Sin and Death (see Rom 8:2).

Obviously our choice making depends on the maturity (and strength) of our spirit man and the ability of our spirit to be alive to the HOLY SPIRIT. In the final analysis however, the ability or capacity of our spirit in the HOLY SPIRIT is ultimately governed by our **souls willingness** ***to yield*** to the HOLY SPIRIT's Witness and work arising from our spirit man!

It is also possible to shut out the HOLY SPIRIT ***by merely functioning through our spirit.*** The ability to do so - if developed on a persistent basis - opens the door to the occult and will lead to lawlessness and ultimately blasphemy (see John 10:1-2,9; Heb 6:4-8; 10:26-31).

To function purely out of our spirit is to ***objectively*** do something **without GOD**.

We must understand that our spirit's fundamental design is to enable us to do all things in, and by, and through GOD! **Our spirit is not designed to work independent of GOD**. It must not work independent of GOD.

What is it that guards us from opening the door to the occult?

JESUS CHRIST must always be the Door through WHOM we go in and out and find spiritual pasture (see John 10:9, 1-2, 27-29) by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2). **YESHUA MASHIAH** must become the true and faithful Witness in our inward parts (see Rev 3:14b; 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV; Heb 11:5, NASB). Our heart must give expression to this true and faithful Witness (see Deut 30:14-15; Jer 31:31-34; Eze 36:25-27; Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV) by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

Such a Witness coming alive and being developed in our heart **is wholly the work of GOD**. Such a Witness arises from a heart of flesh (see Eze 36:26). Such a heart of flesh is a pure heart that will see GOD (see Matt 5:8) and be enabled functionally to do all things - by CHRIST WHO strengthens us (see Phil 4:13, KJV, 19, 23). Such a heart is the exclusive workmanship of GOD (see Ps 51:10; Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV).

Such a heart will operate in the Mount of the LORD (see Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Gen 22:14).

Such a heart will operate from a soul ***actually anchored*** **behind the veil** (see Heb 6:19). Such a heart of flesh (see Eze 36:26) is of the flesh of the LAMB

(see John 6:51; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV) and will carry - through ***substance*** (Greek: hupostasis) ***actualized*** - the contents of the circumcised heart of the LAMB of GOD. The substantive contents of the circumcised heart of MASHIAH are perfected and completed into us as we actually function in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT!

A soul anchored behind the veil is crucial to a clean heart. Our soul being anchored behind the veil is crucial to our ability to function/operate by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS! Hope in JESUS CHRIST anchors our soul behind the veil (see Heb 6:19). 1 John 3:3 declares: < **And everyone who has this hope fixed on HIM** (JESUS CHRIST) **purifies himself, just as HE** (JESUS CHRIST) **is pure.** >

Persistent hope on JESUS CHRIST (see Rom 5:1-10) - in the specific situations of our life and ministry - is the ***activator*** of the circumcision done without hands that removes the body of our flesh! Persistent hope is expressed in persevering prayer to actualize MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness. Persistent hope is also exercised through our willingness to do the right thing in word and deed.

Persistent hope in the LORD JESUS CHRIST manifests in the ***substance*** of true faith (see Heb 11:1, KJV) that brings with it the evidence of actual change in our state of being. The actual change is engineered in ***the substance perfected and completed*** into us through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT! The substance perfected and completed is the flesh of the LAMB of GOD!

The circumcision of CHRIST that removes the body of our flesh manifests in our new heart becoming a heart of MASHIAH YESHUA's flesh - in actual functions actualized through the enabling of the Spirit of CHRIST. As we are functionally perfected and completed our heart is circumcised!

This heart of **HIS** flesh is circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT to enable our heart to actually function in the Name of the LORD JESUS in a growing ***understanding*** (Prov 9:10b) and ***conviction*** of HIS pre-eminence!

The circumcision of our heart of HIS Flesh opens the veil of HIS Flesh to us ***functionally*** (see Heb 10:19-20). We can then operate freely in the Kingdom of GOD! We will talk this over in later chapters of this book and develop the dynamics of this Covenant Spirituality in future books.

CHAPTER 15

The 'Splagchna' Of Jesus Christ

In this chapter we want to discuss the **spirit ↔ heart** interface that is prophetically described as the "splagchna" or the "bowels" of JESUS CHRIST.

Philippians 1:8 (KJV) reads: < **For GOD is my record** (witness - NASB/NKJV), **how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of JESUS CHRIST.** > The Greek word for bowels is 'splagchna'.

In this passage, Paul is declaring that in the witness that stands before GOD (see Romans 1:9; 9:1), he greatly longs for the saints at Philippi **in the bowels of JESUS CHRIST**. Paul is declaring that he is **actually functioning** in the bowels ***of*** JESUS CHRIST!

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST speak prophetically of the **spirit ↔ heart** interface configured in the ***functional attributes*** of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (see Phil 1:19c) in our inward parts - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

We see the bowels of JESUS CHRIST being described functionally in the following passages in the gospels:

- Mark 1:40-42 (NASB) reads: < **And a leper came to HIM, beseeching HIM and falling on his knees before HIM, and saying to HIM, "If YOU are willing, YOU can make me clean." And moved with compassion** (Greek: 'splagchna' which literally means bowels), **HE stretched out HIS Hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed**. >
- Mark 6:34 (NASB) reads: < **And when HE went ashore, HE saw a great multitude, and HE felt compassion** (Greek: 'splagchna' meaning

bowels) **for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and HE began to teach them many things**. >

- Mark 8:2,6,7 (NASB) reads: < **"I feel <u>compassion</u>** (Greek: 'splagchna' meaning bowels) **for the multitude ….. ." And HE directed the multitude to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, HE gave thanks and broke them ….. . They also had a few small fish; and after HE had blessed them, HE ordered them to be served as well**. >
- Matthew 14:14 (NASB) reads: < **And when HE went ashore, HE saw a great multitude, and felt <u>compassion</u>** (Greek: 'splagchna' meaning bowels) **for them, and healed their sick**. >

The Greek word 'splagchna' has been translated compassion in each of the passages shown above. Literally in each of these passages, the LORD JESUS CHRIST was **"moved in HIS bowels"** by the HOLY SPIRIT and power for healing, teaching and miracles was released from HIS innermost parts. HIS innermost parts and their functioning in GOD are being ***<u>prophetically addressed</u>*** by the word '**<u>splagchna</u>**'.

What we see being described in these passages is the prophetic reality that Paul addresses in Philippians 1:8, as **"the bowels of JESUS CHRIST"**. What is of particular note is that Paul is declaring that he ***<u>has</u>*** the bowels ***<u>of</u>*** JESUS CHRIST.

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST are descriptive of the **spirit ↔ heart** interface that we can potentially ***actualize*** in the Testimony of JESUS, through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14).

Given that our spirit is being configured functionally in the Spirit of CHRIST and, that a heart of (HIS) flesh is being formed in us, we can understand why the bowels of JESUS CHRIST are descriptive of the **spirit ↔ heart** interface.

In salvation, our **spirit ↔ heart** interface is designed prophetically to actualize the functional actualities of the Testimony of JESUS. This is part and parcel of the **<u>actualization</u>** of the functional realities ***<u>hidden</u>*** in the Mystery of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-27; Rev 2:17; 2 Peter 1:19-21). It is in this ***<u>prophetic functional reality actualized</u>*** that we do all things in word and deed in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Col 3:17).

It is in the bowels of our **spirit ↔ heart** interface that the Mystery of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-27) comes to life - giving **functional root** and ***form*** to the Testimony of JESUS.

The functional root of doing all things through CHRIST WHO strengthens us, is birthed and takes root and functional form in our **spirit ↔ heart** interface. This is the prophetic actuality of the Root of David (see Rev 22:16) that unveils the ***functional prophetic reality*** of the Key of David (see Rev 3:7; John 10:9c; 1 Cor 2:9, 9-13).

The Root of David and the Key of David develop in the actuality of the LORD JESUS CHRIST becoming - increasingly - our BELOVED!

[We are in this reality moving from the actuality of ***preeminence*** into the complementary reality of ***intimacy*** described prophetically through HIM becoming **our BELOVED**!]

"David" means the "Well-BELOVED"! And, YESHUA must be King and Lord and **Beloved** in the witness of our innermost parts. In this prophetic reality the bowels of JESUS CHRIST form in us as a functional state in the SPIRIT of GOD.

The potential that opens to us in the bowels of JESUS CHRIST is graphically described by 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 : < **… Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that GOD has prepared for those who love HIM. For to us GOD revealed them through the SPIRIT; for the SPIRIT searches all things, even the depths of GOD**. >

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST is the ***functional*** **prophetic root form** of truth actualized in the Testimony of JESUS - through actual communication of HIS Spirit and Life, HIS faith and love, into a living, functional Witness described as true and faithful, in our inward parts (see Rev 3:14b).

This true and faithful Witness unveils the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets into us - in fully functional terms in GOD and through GOD. This Witness stands in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:10a, 8) and is an expression of the functionality of our Blood Covenant with the MOST HIGH GOD (see 1 John 5:7, **NKJV**; Ps 91:1) - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2).

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST is the ***functional* crucible** of our creation in JESUS CHRIST (see Eph 2:10). Here we actualize the ***functional* blueprint** of sonship to GOD - access to the stewardship of the Mysteries of GOD that reveals itself in us becoming ministers (or, servants) of CHRIST (see 1 Cor 4:1; 2 Cor 3:6) functioning as priests, kings (see Rev 1:6, KJV) and prophets (see 1 Peter 4:11, NKJV) unto GOD.

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST describe **"the ability which GOD giveth"** (see 1 Peter 4:11b, KJV) that is functionally perfected and completed into our innermost being - by the HOLY SPIRIT - so that we can (potentially) function as the Oracles of GOD!

As our **soul ↔ heart** interface chooses to bow before all that the HOLY SPIRIT brings alive in our innermost being, the bowels of JESUS CHRIST - our **spirit ↔ heart** interface - **take perfected form** in our inward parts. Without our functional assent (or, functional agreement) to the pre-eminence of JESUS CHRIST as LORD and BELOVED in our soul, our **spirit ↔ heart** interface cannot develop in HIS Image (see Rom 8:29-30) and Fullness (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB).

Our **spirit ↔ heart** interface develops as we actually love YESHUA as LORD! Actually loving YESHUA is a reality our **soul ↔ heart** interface ***realizes*** (see John 1:17, NASB) as a growing response in willing obedience and submission to HIM. This realization actualizes the fulfillment of the Law. This realization positions us to actualize the many-faceted functional blessings that unveil the fulfillment of the Prophets.

The perfected functional form in our inward parts actualizes the prophetic reality in the Testimony of JESUS that proclaims (from John 5:30, KJV) : < **… as I hear, I judge: and MY judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the FATHER which hath sent ME**. > And, this came about because YESHUA loved GOD!

The reality of YESHUA's "I" arises from HIS soul - the soul of ***true*** MAN! And so, our soul too must have such a passion and desire for the FATHER's will (see Eph 1:9-10, 3-11). This passion and desire comes ***from*** the Spirit Of The Fear Of The LORD that takes delight in the fear of the LORD (see Isa 11:3a, 2-3). This attribute of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST - when actualized in our inward parts ***from*** the Spirit of MASHIAH YESHUA -

causes us to actualize a passion and desire for the FATHER's will (see Eze 36:27).

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST are a living expression of the passion and desire - for the FATHER's will - that YESHUA actualized in the circumcision of HIS Heart.

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST also describe the functional form of the wells of living water that the Word of GOD is designed to form within us (see John 4:14; Prov 20:5).

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST describe the complex conduit for the rivers of the living waters of the quickened Rhema Word. These are the flows of the river of life that are meant to flow out of our innermost parts - under the inspiration and leading of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 7:37-39; Rev 1:15c; Eze 1:24a) - as rivers of living water.

The bowels of JESUS CHRIST unveil the Witness of JESUS CHRIST - by the HOLY SPIRIT - from our inward parts. The Witness of JESUS CHRIST is described in Revelation 3:14b as follows: < **…. The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of GOD ….** >.

The Witness of JESUS CHRIST is described in 1 John 5:8-10 (NKJV) as follows: < **And there are three that bear Witness on earth: the Spirit, the Water and the Blood** (see also John 19:30, 34); **and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the Witness of GOD is greater; for this is the Witness of GOD** (see Eze 1:24-28; Rev 1:10-18) **which HE has testified of HIS SON. He who believes in the SON of GOD has the Witness in himself ….** >.

The true and faithful Witness of MASHIAH YESHUA arises in the prophetic actuality called the bowels of JESUS CHRIST that is our **spirit ↔ heart** interface. This **spirit ↔ heart** interface that gives actual expression to the true and faithful Witness is the ***exclusive*** result of the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14, 13-15).

This true and faithful Witness arises and operates in us by the HOLY SPIRIT even as our heart of (HIS) flesh manifests the fragrance of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as our BELOVED! AMEN (see 2 Cor 1:20-22; Rev 3:14b; 1 John 5:7-8, **NKJV**, 10, 14-15).

Through the bowels of JESUS CHRIST our capacity to minister - as ministers of JESUS CHRIST, stewards of the Mysteries of GOD (see 1 Cor 4:1) - come forth through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14-15; 1 Cor 2:9-13). We come forth as ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6, 3, 6; 1 Peter 4:10-11, NKJV).

May the LORD GOD MOST HIGH (see Gen 14:18-19) unveil the functional realities of the Mystery of CHRIST to our inward parts that we may each be enabled to serve HIM in the true and faithful Witness expressed in Spirit, Water and Blood - which is the Rhema expression of the Word of the Cross (see 1 Cor 1:18, **NASB**) ***made operational*** in us by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the FATHER's will so that we can actually do all things in the Name of the LORD JESUS. AMEN!

The true and faithful Witness expressed in Spirit, Water and Blood operates as the bowels of JESUS CHRIST being perfected and completed in us in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. AMEN!

Blessed be the LORD our GOD WHO has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT - so that the glory of HIS grace may be expressed in us and through us forever. AMEN!

CHAPTER 16

The Ministry Of Jesus Christ

The dynamics of our spirituality are designed for our function in ministry! **To minister is to serve**. A minister is fundamentally a servant.

The ministry of JESUS CHRIST ***flows through*** **every member** ***of HIS Body*****.**

The Church being the Body of CHRIST is defined in Ephesians 1:23, as being: < **the fullness of HIM** (JESUS CHRIST) **WHO fills all in all**. > Ephesians 4:10 declares: < **… that HE** (JESUS CHRIST) **might fill all things**. >

As the Body of CHRIST, the Church is built ***in*** and ***of*** the fullness of JESUS CHRIST.

The Church has been given the fullness of JESUS CHRIST (see John 1:16-17) so that we can be built ***out of*** HIS Fullness and be ***enable*** to actually **minister HIS Fullness** ***into*** **all in all**. So that **HE** might **fill *all* things**!

The dynamics of our spirituality find expression out of the fullness of CHRIST JESUS. And, the dynamics of our spirituality are ***perfected*** and ***completed*** in ministering HIS Fullness.

Given that the Church is the Body of CHRIST, the fullness of HIM that fills all in all, we are each called to receive and to develop - by the HOLY SPIRIT (see John 16:14) - the spiritual capacity **to stand in HIS Fullness** and, have the spiritual capacity **to minister HIS Fullness**. And, this is to ensure that HE fills all in all, with HIS Fullness being uniquely communicated through **every member** of the Body of CHRIST (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Eph 4:12-13, NKJV).

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV) tells us that we need to **minister the gift** that we have received as an expression of the ***manifold*** grace of GOD. John 1:16, KJV+NKJV+NASB, declares that the manifold grace of GOD - ***described as grace upon grace*** - involves the fullness of JESUS CHRIST.

The gift therefore necessarily involves some ***composite*** expression of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST (see Isa 9:6-7; John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB) uniquely manifested in each believer who is addressed as an **Epistle** of CHRIST in 2 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV).

The unique epistle of CHRIST written into our inward parts describes and gives expression to the dynamics of our spirituality - with our heart unveiling a co-mingled functional expression of spirit and soul. And, our maturity in the dynamics of our spirituality ***necessarily*** involves ministering the ***gift*** of CHRIST in us - expressed through our heart from both our soul and spirit!

This gift of the manifold grace of GOD is an expression of the functional Covenant **unction** (or, **the enabling**) that GOD has the will to perfect and complete in us - in the fullness of CHRIST JESUS - by the HOLY SPIRIT (see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV).

In the actuality of a growing functional Covenant in our inward parts, we are each to be developed as a Minister (or, Servant) of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV).

Our ministry capacity (or, our capacity to serve) is defined by the **measure** of HIS Fullness we ***actually*** possess (see Isa 9:6; Eze 44:28; John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB) and our actual ability to give true ***functional*** expression to HIS Fullness.

It is the HOLY SPIRIT WHO - exclusively - *develops* and *expresses* this capacity to **minister HIS Fullness** so that **HIS Fullness fills *all* things**. Please be reminded that the measure of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness ***in us*** is expressed in both ***substance*** (Greek: hupostasis - Heb 11:1, NKJV) and ***witness*** (in Spirit, Water and Blood - 1 John 5:8,10a).

From Ephesians 4:7 we see that grace is an expression of the **measure** of **CHRIST's gift**. How do we understand CHRIST's gift? Before we look at the gift, we have to understand the position of CHRIST HIMSELF. Colossians

1:17 declares that **HE is *before all things*** and **in HIM *all things hold together***. Colossians 1:19 declares that it was the FATHER's good pleasure for **all *the fullness*** to **dwell *in* CHRIST JESUS**!

Given the preeminent position of CHRIST JESUS (see Col 1:18) and the FATHER's will for all the fullness to dwell ***in*** HIM - so that HIS Fullness fills all in all (see Eph 1:23c) - we can clearly understand that CHRIST's gift has to do with the **actual expression** of HIS Fullness. And, the intent and purpose and design of CHRIST's gift is so that HE fills ***all*** things (see Eph 4:10c).

The LORD JESUS CHRIST declares in John 16:15 that: < **All things that the FATHER has** [which means everything that can be given or communicated from the FATHER] **are Mine; therefore I said, that HE** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.** >

What is the HOLY SPIRIT going to disclose to us? Every aspect of the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA mandated for expression in us and through us in the FATHER's will! Every facet of all that was configured in the SON of MAN - in HIS Life, Ministry, Death and Resurrection - which, ***is*** and ***will*** increasingly become the basis (or, blueprint) of a new man in each of us (see Eph 2:10).

Also, every facet of the SON of GOD [HIS Fullness which is communicable **excluding** all that is inherent and essential to HIM being GOD] that will make us actual ***functioning*** sons of GOD, in HIS Image and HIS Fullness, is also being communicated into us.

CHRIST's gift consists of the several and many-faceted aspects of CHRIST's Fullness that the HOLY SPIRIT brings to life ***in*** us in the FATHER's will (see John 16:14; Gal 4:19; 2:20, **KJV**).

- **CHRIST's gift** includes the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT which is the functional expression of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST that the HOLY SPIRIT is perfecting and completing into us - in our soul. In this reality the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST will be reflected in every expression of our mind, will and emotions. HIS Nature and Character is the ***essential functiona***l ingredient to the proper functioning of our gifts, and the associated anointings that enable the operation of each gift in us. Without HIS Nature and Character we will never use our

gifts, and the anointings that define the operation of each gifting, in the Way that aligns with GOD's purposes. Without the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST we will never build the Church as the Body of CHRIST. It is HIS Nature and Character that gives credence to HIS Body functioning in the Way HE did before the FATHER, by the SPIRIT.

- **CHRIST's gift** also includes the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT that are an expression of the functional ministry of JESUS CHRIST that the HOLY SPIRIT **brings to life in us** - in our spirits - so that we will have the ability to minister **in the way JESUS CHRIST did**. The ability to minister is ***inscribed*** in **the Spirit of CHRIST** alive in our spirit man. In developing CHRIST's gift through functional ministry inscribed in CHRIST's Spirit, we are being perfected and completed in HIS ministry potentials (see John 14:12, 13-14) so that the FATHER's Will, will be achieved through the revealed expressions of the Mystery of CHRIST - manifested through the Church for expression in the heavenly places (see Eph 3:3-4, 8c-11; Eph 1:9-12).

- CHRIST's gift also includes the 5-fold offices of Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Pastor and Evangelist that are designed to manifest the mantles of the anointing of JESUS CHRIST (perfected and completed in these offices in which HE stood **and continues to stand in**), to be released for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry (see Eph 4:11-13, NKJV). The nature and character ***needed to stand*** in these offices is perfected - ***from*** MASHIAH YESHUA - into our soul. The ***capacity to function*** in these offices is perfected - ***from*** MASHIAH YESHUA - into our spirits in the Spirit of CHRIST. The resulting mantle over each 5-fold minister is the covering under which believers are nurtured for the work of the ministry. As 5-fold ministers learn to network and become clusters in the context of ***like-spirited*** assemblies (united in the Spirit of MASHIAH) there will be a co-mingled release of anointings that will enhance ministry abilities, and the gift-mix that each member of the Body of CHRIST carries. The potentials of one Body functioning in oneness and being multiplied in the love of YESHUA is astonishing! This is why the enemy focuses his assault so pointedly against our abilities to come together and work in ***willing partnerships***.

- **CHRIST's gift** also includes the many types of believer's ministries alluded to in Romans 12:6-13 and 1 Corinthians 13:27-28. All of these

> ministry streams are similarly built into each believer's soul and spirit so that CHRIST is uniquely expressed through each of us! We become functional epistles of CHRIST, ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:3, 6, NKJV) in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

John 1:16 (KJV+NKJV+NASB) declares that JESUS CHRIST's Fullness is the eternal and abiding expression of GOD's grace upon grace. Ephesians 4:8 tells us that CHRIST gave gifts in HIS ascension.

These gifts are ***necessarily*** some composite expression of HIS Fullness that the HOLY SPIRIT will bring to life from our inward parts (see John 16:14-15; 1 Cor 12:4, 11) in the FATHER's will. 1 Corinthians 12:6 (KJV) declares: < **And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same GOD which *worketh* (see also Eph 3:20) all in all.** >

GOD works CHRIST's Fullness into us so that our gift mix - and the complex of anointings associated with this gift mix - will **become** a living and growing ***functional*** expression of HIS Fullness perfected and completed ***into our being***. In CHRIST JESUS alone do all things hold together (see Col 1:17). And, this applies to our ministry as well.

It is a fallacy to think that gifts and anointings operate in a vacuum in the Body of CHRIST according to what each one of us chooses to desire and want to express. Every gift mix is tied to the Church being an actual functional Body tied to the Head WHO is CHRIST the LORD! There can be no other form of operation in the ministry. Our ministry must be a living expression of the ministry of JESUS CHRIST.

All things in us are necessarily of HIM and, are necessarily an expression of HIM. HE must fill all in all. This applies to our inward parts. And, it applies to all that flows out from us - individually and collectively. Such a reality only the HOLY SPIRIT can develop and bring to functional fulfillment. As Ephesians 2:10 declares: we are each the workmanship of GOD created in CHRIST JESUS for the good works that GOD has ordained.

Composite expressions of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness give expression to a mix of gifts. MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness gives specific and varied expressions to the gifts - prophetically and collectively called CHRIST's gift - expressed ***in*** or ***as*** or ***through*** the following:

- **Leadership positions and functions in the Body of CHRIST**: These are expressed by the 5-fold offices of Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Pastor and Evangelist called to lead the Body of CHRIST and, who are from this position of ministry leadership, **called to equip the saints for the work of ministry** (see Eph 4:11-12, **NKJV**) through the Covenant mantles of the anointing in CHRIST that the HOLY SPIRIT has ***raised*** them into. Believers in turn ***receive*** a composite of the anointings in CHRIST (see 1 Cor 12:4-6) that flow from their 5-fold leadership team as the HOLY SPIRIT makes such impartations **"as HE wills"** (see 1 Cor 12:11). An assembly of believers can grow in the diversity of their gifts when there is a cross-pollination of leadership anointings across the Church.

[And, we need to **"test the spirits"** to guard against wolves in sheep's clothing. Hence, the importance of the gift of the discerning of spirits in the Church. Hence, the importance of understanding that true unity can only come through the Testimony of JESUS alive in our inward parts through the Spirit of CHRIST perfected in us.]

- **The Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT**: The fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT is concerned with the fulfillment of the Law (see Gal 5:22-23; Matt 5:17-18) and, the actual destruction of the ***yoke of lawlessness*** - as the HOLY SPIRIT perfects and completes the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST into our soul. This is necessary for us to arise ***functionally*** in the image of the SON (see Rom 8:29, 28-30). Without this reality of the Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT we will become a lawless people whom JESUS CHRIST will disown (see Matt 7:21-23). We must understand that it is only the Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT that will guard us from opening the doors of the occult by falling victim to the Mystery of Lawlessness (see 2 Thess 2:7, 7-12) and falling victim to the judgment of GOD (see 2 Thess 2:11-12; Heb 6:4-6; 10:26-31). Without the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST forming within us there is no meaning to salvation, no meaning to ministry, no meaning to blessings and giftings and callings. Without the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST there is no basis for anything on a sustainable basis in our lives.
- **The Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT**: The gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT operate in three modes: **(i) The Vocal Gifts** - the gift of tongues, the gift of the interpretation of tongues and, the gift of prophecy; **(ii) The**

Revelatory Gifts - the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom and the discerning of spirits; and, **(iii) The Power Gifts** - the gifts of healing, the gift of faith and, the gift of miracles. **The vocal gifts** are designed to develop the Witness that enables us to operate in the Mystery of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-28; Eph 3:3-4, 8c-12; Heb 6:19; 1 John 3:3), so that we can each become unique stewards of the Mysteries of GOD (see 1 Cor 4:1); operating out of the secret place of the MOST HIGH, from under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY (see Ps 91:1; 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Gen 22:14; Isa 2:2-3; Matt 5:13-16) in the Witness that GOD has given us, and is building in us and amongst us as the Body of MASHIAH - both Jew and Gentile (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV; Rev 3:14b). **The revelatory gifts** enable us to know, to discern and to apply all that GOD is manifesting in the Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood alive in us. The revelatory gifts operate in the reality of the **abiding** as knowledge, understanding and wisdom that is built into our state of being. The revelatory gifts also operate in the reality of the spontaneous **message** that is relevant to an appointed time - by vision or by specific word for the appointed time. **The power gifts** enable us to operate in the resurrection power of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and this power works within us in a Witness - true and faithful - that operates in Spirit, Water and Blood in the Rhema reality of the Word of the Cross (see 1 Cor 1:18). There is a reality of power **that is abiding** that works and grows **within us** to accomplish the long term purposes of GOD in us and through us (see Eph 3:20). And, there is a reality of spontaneous power **that comes upon us** that accomplishes specific acts of healing or miracles or impartations or expressions of the prophetic Word at an appointed time under the jurisdiction of the HOLY SPIRIT.

- **The Ministry Expressions / Streams of the Believer**: The ministry streams of the saints in ministry are described in Romans 12:6-13 and 1 Corinthians 13:27-28. What is listed in these passages is not an exhaustive list but an introduction to the salient features of the saints in ministry that can be applied in the context of family, the workplace, government, "the Church", in society etc. Some salient features or facets to the saints being in ministry are as follows:
 1 **We *all* have gifts** (Rom 12:6) according to the grace given to us. Since grace is not a static spiritual reality, there is potential for our gifts to expand, grow and develop! And, there is always the potential of new gifts as we mature in the LORD! We are **to exercise our gifts by faith**. Since faith has the potential to grow through the hearing of

the Word (see Rom 10:17) - JESUS CHRIST being the Author and Finisher (or, Perfecter) of our faith - we see that our ability to exercise our gift is actually open ended as we put on CHRIST and as CHRIST is formed in us! 2 Corinthians 12:28-29 speaks of gifts such as miracles, healings, tongues which are examples of the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT operated by believers. Tongues include prayer tongues in spiritual warfare, tongues that energize other gifts into operation. Tongues that open the believer to the potentials of the Mysteries in/of GOD (see 1 Cor 14:2; 4:1). Tongues also open us to teaching by revelation and knowledge and, tongues also enable the spontaneous release of the prophetic word (see 1 Cor 14:6).

2 **We *all* can prophesy** (Rom 12:6) since the Word of GOD is in our mouth and in our heart (see Deut 30:14-15). And, this reality is part and parcel of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:17-18; Jer 31:31-34). In the case of the believer who does not stand in the office of Prophet, the ability to prophesy is confined to **edification** (building the inward spiritual state of someone), **exhortation** (or, encouragement) and **consolation** (to heal the inward parts of heart and soul).

3 **We all have the capacity to serve** (Rom 12:7) - exploring the opportunities for service (or, ministry) in our homes, workplaces, in churches, in society at large - in the universe GOD has called us to occupy in the Testimony of JESUS. Helps and Administrations are two areas of service that are highlighted in 1 Corinthians 12:28-29. Helps involves the ministry of good works in orphanages, half way houses, rehabilitation work, charities, special schools for the disabled and the disadvantaged, residential ministry places to the aged, the rejected, those under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc. Administration involves the actual management of the many activities that are important to the proper operation of churches and their affiliated agencies and ministries. Areas include financial management, control systems to ensure accountability, checks and balances, procedures, management of resources, staff administration and policy etc. - **administered by the SPIRIT** and, ***not*** by the letter of the Law. We are not to bring the systems of the world into the Kingdom of GOD. **Kingdom Administration** flows out of the inward parts of the believer and administers through the fellowship of the HOLY SPIRIT rather than the carnal methods of the world system.

4 **We all can teach** (Rom 12:7) in some capacity that arises in our life as we mature in the Word of GOD. Given the fact that we are all being taught by GOD (see John 6:44-45; Isa 54:13) we all have the capacity to teach in the testimony of our growth in GOD - sharing the Word of GOD that has been performed in our lives (see 2 Cor 3:3, 6, NKJV; Jer 31:31-34).

5 **We all have the capacity to exhort** (Rom 12:8) or to encourage in the realities in which we have overcome in the strength and grace that the SPIRIT of CHRIST has supplied to us in the growing dynamics of our spirituality. The situations and avenues open to us to exhort are varied and multi-faceted. Wherever we find people we have the opportunity to exhort (or, to encourage and build). When we build people we have the opportunity to invest in eternity! And, always remember that it is the fullness of CHRIST - that we have as an inheritance and possession (see Eze 44:28) - that we are called to invest into others through the ***ministry*** of the **spoken word** and **prayer**!

6 **We all have the capacity to give** (Rom 12:8) in the actuality of all that we have received from GOD, through JESUS CHRIST, by the HOLY SPIRIT. The liberality of our giving is expressed in the love of YESHUA that we have actualized by the HOLY SPIRIT. The opportunities to give of ourselves, our talents, our possessions (including our finances), our giftings and anointings - in natural and spiritual terms - are many-faceted and vast. Giving with liberality is a skill that gives us - in the "shalom" of peace and well-being alive in our inward parts - meaningful satisfaction to our gifts and possessions in GOD! When we give we open the doors of increase - in both spiritual and natural terms - into our lives. Continued giving causes the multiplication!

7 **We all have the capacity to lead** (Rom 12:8) in the many facets of our life. The capacity to lead grows as we take ***diligent responsibility*** to do what is right, what is necessary and, to take hold of the opportunities that life presents to express the servant heart of JESUS CHRIST through our being. In the Kingdom of GOD leaders choose to develop the servant-heart of JESUS CHRIST in their inward parts. Hence we see in Philippians 1:8 (KJV) Paul declare that he has **"the bowels of JESUS CHRIST"**. In Galatians 2:20 (KJV) Paul talks about having the faith ***of*** JESUS CHRIST. Leadership flows out of the characteristics of the servant heart of JESUS CHRIST.

8 **We all have the capacity to show mercy** (Rom 12:9). To be able to be merciful in the joy of the LORD is a demonstration of our strength and maturity in GOD. So many lives can be touched in this reality of mercy willingly exercised - not in terms of legalistic obligation - but as a willing expression of the love of MASHIAH YESHUA alive in our inward parts.

9 **We all have the capacity to love** (Rom 12:9). The capacity to love flows out of the actualization of the love of JESUS CHRIST in our own lives. The willingness to exercise the capacity to love - in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth - positions us in an intimacy with GOD. The opportunities to love - when exercised - mature the development of the many specifics of the ministry of JESUS CHRIST in us and through us. Love is an expression of the Key of David that manifests the higher dimensions of GOD's power and authority (see Rev 3:7-8).

10 **We all have the capacity to abhor evil** (Rom 12:9). To abhor evil opens opportunities to redress wrongs, to press into doing what is right, to develop our capacity to pray, to exercise our faith, to see the opportunities to help or to heal or to give new live etc.

11 **We all have the capacity to cling to good** (Rom 12:9). This develops our willingness to persevere in the things of GOD - personally or, in the lives of those whom we minister to. In this actuality we become overcomers (see Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21), crushing satan under our feet (see Rom 16:20) as we actualize and give expression to the **"Shabbat Shalom"** of the LORD in the peculiar situations and circumstances we are faced with.

12 **We all have the capacity to be devoted to one another** (Rom 12:10) in brotherly love. This is the perseverance to build the unity of the Body in our spheres of influence. It involves all forms of ministry, prayer and the building of relationships that will enable the Church to explore and develop the dynamics of our anointings and gift-mixes in the collective. The opportunities are akin to a geometric progression having the potentials of an expansive progression and growth form. In this reality the bread is broken and multiplied and the capacity to feed and minister to multitudes will open to the church in ministry - from a position of actual ministry unity flowing from our inward parts. Commingled flows of rivers of living water from our innermost beings!

13 **We all have the capacity to give preference to one another in honor** (Rom 12:10). This breaks the yoke of carnality and selfishness that inhibits the maturity and growth of the Church and its many-faceted ministry capacities. This is the key to leadership maturity in the Church. Too many of us cling to positional authority as if it belongs to us. This results in us being ***territorial*** rather than ***apostolic*** in our thinking and our actions. This restricts and even undermines the growth and maturity of the Body.

14 **We all have the capacity to be diligent** (Rom 12:11). We need to persevere in GOD and the things of GOD - with great patience (see Col 1:11, 9-11) - to actualize the fruit and the fruitfulness that remains. We need to be diligent in faith and works which are two sides of the same coin - the works giving testimony to our faith and being the basis for us to evaluate our faith expressions as being true or false. True faith perseveres and is diligent in the evidence of the unseen. GOD will come through and perform HIS Word in its appointed time!

15 **We all have the capacity to be fervent in spirit, serving the LORD** (Rom 12:11). The dynamics of spirituality - arising from our spirit in the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA - needs to be entirely developed with a view to serving GOD with fervency. Fervency is an attribute of the passion of CHRIST that derives from the zeal of the LORD of Hosts (see Isa 9:7). This fervency takes delight in the fear of the LORD (see Isa 11:3a). In all things - in word and deed - the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST must ***necessarily*** be glorified. We need to do all things in word and deed in the leading and inspiration of the HOLY SPIRIT. And, our spirit and soul need to be aligned with the will of the FATHER. GOD must reign in the Church - not man.

16 **We all have the capacity to be rejoicing in hope** (Rom 12:12). Hope in CHRIST JESUS anchors our soul behind the veil so that we can operate in the economy of the Kingdom of Heaven (see Heb 6:19). Hope in CHRIST JESUS purifies us even as HE is pure (see 1 John 3:3). Persevering hope establishes us in the strength of the LORD (see Rom 5:3-5, 1-5). And because the love of GOD is poured our in our hearts through the HOLY SPIRIT we have a rejoicing that gives us a capacity to express a greater hope that will in turn manifest the substance of YESHUA that will give rise to the greater things. Indeed the joy of the LORD is our strength (see Neh

8:9-12) to actualize all things as CHRIST strengthens us. Persevering hope enables every member of the Body to actualize the treasures of CHRIST. This is Kingdom prosperity that is unlike the carnal prosperity of the world that some parts of the church have been pursuing.

17 **We all have the capacity to persevere in tribulation** (Rom 12:12). Being over comers open us to the eternal rewards of GOD as noted in Revelation 2 and 3 (2:7; 2:11; 2:26-28; 3:5; 3:12; 3:21). We will eat of the Tree of Life. We will not be hurt by the second death. We will receive of the Hidden Manna, which will result in us each receiving a white stone with a new name personal to us. We will be given authority over nations. We will be given the Morning Star in living actualities of the prophetic Word manifested in our inward parts (see Rev 22:16; 2 Peter 1:19). We will be clothed in white garments (pure Light) that are the garments of salvation. We will have our names in the LAMB's Book of Life. JESUS CHRIST will confess our names before the FATHER and HIS angels - thus giving us a ***functional status*** before GOD and HIS angels. We will stand as pillars in the temple of GOD and the Name of GOD, the name of the City of GOD, the new Jerusalem and the new Name of JESUS CHRIST will be upon us. We will be seated with JESUS CHRIST on HIS Throne in a position far above every principality, power, might and dominion (see Eph 1:20-21; 2:4-6). AMEN!

18 **We all have the capacity to be devoted in prayer** (Rom 12:12). The ministry of prayer has limitless potential in GOD. Prayer brings us into communion with GOD so that we become vessels for the performance of HIS Word in HIS appointed times. The Government of Heaven responds to the prayer of the saints (see Rev 8:3-5) with angels being assigned according to the Voice of GOD's Word that our witness in prayer (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8; Rev 3:13b) expresses (see Ps 103:20, 19-22; Heb 1:14). The power of the Church - as the Body of CHRIST - in every aspect of its ministry potential and capacities, rise out of prayer, both personal and corporate. **A personal prayer position** is given us in the Name of JESUS CHRIST - in the rock of the revelation of HIS Name by Testimony (see Matt 16:18, 15-17; Rev 19:10c). In the reality of the Rock that is higher than I (see Ps 61:2c) the LORD JESUS gives us a position of authority that derives from HIS Name (see Matt 16:19): < **I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you**

shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. > The Amplified Bible tells us that to bind is to < **declare to be improper and unlawful** > and to loose is to < **declare lawful** >. Hence a revealed reality of the Word in the Testimony of JESUS, alive in the Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood within us (see 1 John 5:8,10a) by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2) is the basis for binding and loosing in our personal prayer capacity. **Our corporate position in prayer** is expressed in the Words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST (in Matt 18:16, 18-20) : < **…. By the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. …… Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask it, it shall be done for them by MY FATHER WHO is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in MY Name, there I AM in their midst.** > In the Witness, true and faithful (see Rev 3:14b) alive within us in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:10a, 8) we can come into agreement through the Word alive within us and become vessels for the destruction of the works of the evil one - in his every sphere of influence. It is crucial to understand that coming into agreement is a SPIRIT-enabled reality defined in the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA in HIS Words (see Rev 19:13b; John 6:63). Remember that HIS Words stand forever (see Luke 21:33)!

19 **We all have the capacity to contribute to the needs of the saints** (Rom 12:13). Paul talks of the Macedonian Church that gave in spite of its **"deep poverty"** (see 2 Cor 8:1-4). The capacity to give and the benefits that flow into the Body are best expressed in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 : < **… He who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for GOD loves a cheerful giver. And GOD is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.** > The actual ability to give cheerfully - in both natural and spiritual terms - is an appropriation of GOD's grace. Ultimately, grace is designed to build us up and to give us the inheritance that GOD has designed for those sanctified (see Acts 20:32) in HIS will (see Eph 1:3-6, 9-10).

20 **We all have the capacity to be hospitable** (Rom 12:13). We can be hospitable in the capacity of an individual, as a family, as a group of believers, as a group of churches etc. Our hospitality creates an atmosphere for the "Shabbat-Shalom" of YHWH to become operational in all facets of the Body in ministry! Hospitality facilitates the growth of the territories and boundaries of the Kingdom amongst mankind.

21 **We all have the capacity to operate under the mantles** that are in operation in our 5-fold leadership. Every office will manifest a mantle that brings about certain gift inclinations. Believers influenced by a strongly anointed Pastor will have some aspect of the shepherd's heart, and some aspect of a pastoral ministry, that will flow inline with the Pastor as well as ***expand* the Pastors' shepherding mantle**. Similarly, believers influenced by the Prophets office will have very strong revelatory and prophetic gift inclinations. Those impacted by the ministry of the Teacher will in turn have strong inclinations to teach in some capacity. Those who are impacted by the office of Evangelist will have strong inclinations toward evangelism as well as a strong inclination towards the power gifts that operate in the office of the evangelist. The apostolic mantle will give believers (and other 5-fold ministers) a strong body ministry orientation - an inclination and even a passion to build the Body of CHRIST, proclaiming the glory of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We have in this chapter outlined the several facets of the ministry of JESUS CHRIST through HIS Body the Church. We have done this in the understanding that the Church is the Body of CHRIST, the fullness of HIM WHO fills all in all. We have described ministry as being a unique communication and expression of HIS Fullness through individual members of the Body of CHRIST under the leadership of a 5-fold ministry.

In the next chapter we will discuss the importance of developing the capacity to minister given the fact that ministry is one of the key functional expressions of Biblical Spirituality.

CHAPTER 17

Developing The Capacity To Minister

It is the will of GOD that we all be given the capacity to minister CHRIST JESUS - in HIS Fullness alive in us by the HOLY SPIRIT. We must understand that Christian maturity is essentially tied with our capacity and willingness to express CHRIST JESUS individually and, collectively in ministry and ministry partnerships.

This is implied in Ephesians 4:10 telling us that CHRIST (unveiled functionally as "CHRIST's gift" in Eph 4:7) **must fill all things**; which, means that our gifts (in the singular and the collective) - that are unique expressions of CHRIST's fullness - are given with the intent and design to fill all things with HIS fullness communicated. HIS fullness is communicated by us - through our expressions of HIS Spirit and Life.

We have described in considerable detail the development of our spirituality through the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST being worked into our inward parts by the HOLY SPIRIT - through the Rhema Word. Our spirituality is built out of the ***contents*** of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST. From this perfected inward state, we can now - by the HOLY SPIRIT - minister the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST through our words and deeds (see Col 3:17) through the channels of the gift mix given and developed in us.

When CHRIST is expressed, our gifts (in the singular and the collective) have the GOD ordained capacity to "fill all things" - unveiling HIS fullness (as expressed in HIS Spirit and Life) into the specifics that open new realities described in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH into the hearts and minds and lives and situations of those whom we minister to. In this process we - by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2) - actually break the yokes of darkness in human hearts and lives.

Colossians 1:17 reiterates this prophetic actuality by declaring that the LORD JESUS CHRIST is **before** ***all things*** and **in HIM** ***all things hold together***. [And, this is the reason why we minister CHRIST through our gifts and the anointing that enables the actual (and specific) operations of our gift mix.]

Colossians 1:18 tells us that the LORD JESUS has to have first place in all things and this in effect is what makes the Church HIS Body - with HIM as the actual reigning Head, in a position established in each of our hearts, enabling us to actually operate under HIS authority in actual functions that are a composite expression of HIS Spirit and Life, HIS faith and love, HIS Nature and Character - developed in holiness to GOD!

In the reality of the LORD JESUS' preeminence and in the understanding that HE is before all things and that it is only in HIM that all things hold together, we have the fundamental basis on which HIS authority is made functional in our ministries. HE must be LORD ***in us personally*** for our individual ministries to be **valid** before GOD. And, HE must be communicated for our ministries to facilitate the processes of salvation and, the consequences of salvation into human lives.

HIS authority - consonant with HIS actual preeminence to us personally as witnessed in our inward parts - is the exclusive and necessary prerequisite to ***penetrative ministry*** that is able to pierce the heart and mind, and unveil the truth of GOD and HIS Sovereign purposes for the well being of the whole human race (see John 3:16).

We penetrate human hearts and minds (by the HOLY SPIRIT) with the Spirit and Life of MASHIAH YESHUA - unveiling through HIS Spirit and Life living expressions of HIS faith, love, nature, character, attitudes, wisdom, understanding, strength etc. into the human being. In this manner, we demonstrate the veracity of JESUS CHRIST and, all that flows in tangible terms into the human being, as a consequence of us each communicating HIM and HIS fullness.

Ephesians 1:22-23 tells us that HIS Headship (unveiling in the understanding of HIS pre-eminence) is necessary **for authority over all things** to come alive or, manifest to the Church (see also Matt 28:18-20). The reality of spiritual authority is often missing in the practices of the Church simply because we mistake authority with human structure and, because we associate

authority with the mere operation of gifts through their associated anointings - instead of MASHIAH YESHUA's position as LORD - to us and in us, as witnessed in our inward parts, and in every spiritual function of our inward parts expressed individually and collectively as the HOLY SPIRIT leads us and directs us.

In the Church we inadvertently (and sometimes deliberately) pay lip service to MASHIAH YESHUA while operating through methods and devices derived from the corporate world and the systems of the world. We are guilty of operating in the capacities of human capability rather than in and by and through the Master's Fullness.

And, because we operate in human capacities, we are unable to communicate the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST and all that flows through the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST. Unless CHRIST is communicated the Church will never actually become HIS Body - which is defined fundamentally as being **"of HIS fullness" - *functionally***!

Only in HIS fullness can we become disciples. The authority of the LORD JESUS CHRIST has been given to the Church to ***make disciples*** **of all men** (see Matt 28:18-20)! So often we are guilty of making men disciples of ourselves and the human institutions we represent or are building, rather than making them disciples of JESUS CHRIST.

Isaiah 9:6 declares that the SON is the gift GOD has given us. This gift of the SON unveils ***in us*** as we actualize the fullness of CHRIST JESUS through HIS Words communicated in HIS Spirit and Life. **CHRIST's gift** ***is some measure of HIS Fullness*** that we have actualized through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

CHRIST's gift becomes the functional core of the Epistle of CHRIST fashioned into our state of being by the HOLY SPIRIT - in the FATHER's will.

In this light, the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT manifest the living expressions of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST. And, the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT manifest the spiritual dynamics of CHRIST's ministry in both the abiding and, in time denominated specific terms - as actual expressions of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST.

The gifts that express the 5-fold offices of apostle, prophet, teacher, pastor and evangelist are living expressions of the different forms of HIS ministry and the flows of the anointing that will enable the saints ***to minister under specific mantles*** that will fulfill GOD's plan and vision for each part of the Church!

In this reality, the entire mantle and the specific flows of authority into the specific functional gifts of each believer are entirely of GOD and HIS MESSIAH (see Ps 45:6-7). For right function to communicate from the Head WHO is JESUS CHRIST - HIS fullness must be ***fashioned into*** the spiritual dynamics of each of our inward parts (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Gal 4:19; 2:20, **KJV**)!

And, we must understand this from the fact that YESHUA is the Way, the Truth and the Life - for all things that stand in GOD and HIS eternal purposes.

For all this to manifest into the whole creation (see Eph 1:22-23) the FATHER gave JESUS CHRIST as: < **Head over all things to the Church, which is HIS Body, the fullness of HIM WHO fills all in all.** >

It is the fullness of JESUS CHRIST that gives the Church its status as the Body of CHRIST that is being built for a ministry in cosmic proportions. In the Headship of JESUS CHRIST - **in HIS preeminence *actualized* in our hearts** - the Body of CHRIST has authority over ***all things***!

We need to understand that functioning in this authority is a revealed reality that is to be perfected and completed in us - progressively - as we respond to what the HOLY SPIRIT is doing in our midst in communicating the specifics of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST into each of us uniquely (see John 16:14-15; Col 1:19-20; Heb 10:19-20).

If we actually recognize HIS preeminence in our hearts then HIS authority will flow in us and through us - potentially - ***over all things*** in the FATHER's will unveiled for fulfillment in their appointed times. HIS authority will flow in us and through us - functionally - through the actual perfected forms of HIS fullness alive in our spirit, soul and heart. This functional reality will flow and develop as long as we are focused on raising the disciples of JESUS CHRIST into their appointed positions in GOD.

In the status of JESUS CHRIST *in us*, we have the mandate of becoming servants of JESUS CHRIST (see 1 Cor 4:1) - stewards of the Mysteries of GOD - and, ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV) by the HOLY SPIRIT, **giving expression to the treasures of the wealth of CHRIST JESUS** (see John 16:15, 13-15; 2 Cor 4:6-7; 1:20-22) that is to fill all-in-all in the FATHER's will (see Eph 1:9-10).

From the bowels ***of*** JESUS CHRIST - described in the true and faithful Witness (see Rev 3:14b) in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:8, 10a, NKJV) - comes the ***true*** ministry potential of the Body of MASHIAH (CHRIST). This is the ministry potential that the HOLY SPIRIT has come to ***develop*** and **express** from the entire Body of MASHIAH that is defined as a construct of the fullness of HIM, WHO fills all-in-all (see Eph 1:22-23).

It is fascinating how 2 Corinthians 3:3, 6 (NKJV) describes each member of the Body of MASHIAH as: < **Clearly *you* are an epistle of CHRIST, …. written not with ink but by the SPIRIT of the living GOD, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart …… WHO also *made us sufficient* as ministers of the New Covenant, not of the letter but of the SPIRIT; for the letter kills, but the SPIRIT gives life.** >

The heart of flesh (see Eze 36:26; John 6:51; Jer 15:16) forms from all that arises through the bowels of JESUS CHRIST, from our spirit man - **arising from the depths of GOD** (see 1 Cor 2:10, 9-13) through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The formation of this heart of flesh also involves the renewal of our soul, as our soul yields to the formation of the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST, as the HOLY SPIRIT renews and regenerates our mind, will and emotions in the Character and Nature extracts of MASHIAH YESHUA - that manifest ***from*** the specific contents of HIS life-giving Spirit!

These ***contents*** of HIS life-giving Spirit arise from the specifics of HIS Testimony that the revealed Word - the hidden manna (see Rev 2:17) - brings to our understanding (see Prov 9:10b) in an intimacy that knows the HOLY ONE.

In this understanding - that knows the HOLY ONE - we actualize the progressive reality of a white stone and a new name personal to us before YHWH (see Rev 2:17)!

The heart of flesh also ***necessarily*** forms out of the Nature and Character of JESUS CHRIST expressed from our renewed and regenerated soul man.

Hence the perfected realities in our spirit and soul - ***actualized from*** the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST - **result** in a co-mingled expression that is prophetically addressed as a heart of flesh. **This heart of flesh is a *functional substantive expression* of the perfected state of our soul and spirit**. The heart of flesh is in the actual substance (Greek: hupostasis) of MASHIAH YESHUA's fullness.

[Our soul is perfected in the Character and Nature of JESUS CHRIST. Our spirit is perfected in the ability to function in the likeness of MASHIAH YESHUA's ministry!]

The heart of flesh is of the **substance** (Greek: hupostasis) of the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA MASHIAH. The heart of flesh is of the substance of HIS Fullness - HIS Character, HIS Nature and HIS functional Testimony arising from HIS faith and love expressed on the Cross which is being perfected and completed into a heart of HIS flesh in our inward parts. Hence Paul's proclamation that he has the bowels of JESUS CHRIST (see Phil 1:8, **KJV**)!

It is interesting that 1 Timothy 1:14 speaks of **grace** arising out of ***realities of MASHIAH YESHUA's faith and love***. What this verse is speaking of is the functional realization of grace - in our inward parts - being actualized in the faith and love of MASHIAH YESHUA perfected and completed into us so that we do all things through MASHIAH (CHRIST) WHO strengthens us!

The heart of flesh is the ***pure*** and ***perfect*** heart that is designed to see GOD and function in GOD - in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (see Matt 5:8; Ps 51:10-12; Jer 15:16; 1:11-12; 24:7; 31:31-34; 32:39-41; Eze 11:19-20; 36:25-27; Ex 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Matt 5:17-18).

The heart has a functional capacity behind the veil (see Heb 6:19; Ps 24:3-4) defined through ***revealed conduits*** established through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh (see Heb 10:19-20).

The veil of HIS Flesh **is penetrated** - at/to some spiritual level or position (see Ps 91:1) in the Mount of the LORD (see Gen 22:14) - **as HIS glory**

unfolds (see Col 1:26-27) in a ***growing* revelation** in the tablets of our heart (see Phil 4:19, 23, 13). The Door of HIS Name (see John 10:9) opens in conduits of spirituality established in the substance of HIS fullness.

This heart of flesh will contain the actualities of the Covenant that GOD has made with us - **personally**; consisting of all that GOD has perfected and completed into our heart in the fullness of CHRIST JESUS. This Covenant defines an operating state into our being in the flesh of the LAMB that stands configured in a heart of flesh.

The flesh is the Word made flesh into the tablets of our heart as an ***actual*** expression of GOD's Word actualized **from the Witness and Testimony of JESUS** - in HIS Spirit and Life, HIS Faith and Love, HIS Heart and Mind, HIS Character and Nature etc.

Our heart is of **HIS Flesh** (see John 6:51) **HIS substance** communicated in fully ***subordinate*** terms into us - in realities that ***derive*** from HIS LORDship over us!

HIS Flesh expresses the substance of GOD's Covenant communicated in the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA - in **HIS** Spirit and **HIS** Life; in **HIS** Faith and **HIS** Love; in **HIS** Heart and **HIS** Mind; in **HIS** Character and **HIS** Nature; in **HIS** Witness and **HIS** Testimony - ***into us***!

HIS ***functionality*** forms in us so that we can do all things in HIS Name through HIS Testament and Witness actualized in our inward parts - by the HOLY SPIRIT - in substance and Witness!

These elements of HIS Fullness enable the Word of GOD to ***become*** **HIS flesh of Covenant** ***within us*** - enabling us to actually become ministers of the New Covenant, by the HOLY SPIRIT WHO orchestrates this whole process in its formation as well as into its functional expression! AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 1 John 10a, 7-8, **NKJV**)!

Please understand that this Covenant comes with the authority of the LORD in whose merits the Covenant has been ***mediated*** and ***made*** into our inward parts - in HIS Name and in the reality of HIS true and faithful Witness being operational in us in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:10a, 8; John 19:30, 34).

In this Covenant being formed in us through the Testimony of JESUS - through actual communication of the Spirit and Life of YESHUA, the faith and love of YESHUA, the realities of the heart and mind of YESHUA, the Character and Nature of YESHUA, the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA - by the HOLY SPIRIT, in holiness unto the FATHER - we are becoming and will become ***unique*** ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6; Ps 91:1).

In this reality the dynamics of our spirituality find their true purpose and destiny! The heart of flesh peculiar to each one of us, will **possess** the Word of GOD (see also Eze 44:28; Ps 138:2c, **NASB**) according to the FATHER's will and purpose for our life and ministry in eternity. The Word of GOD possessed in our inward parts is of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST. And, this Word possessed operates in Covenant function by the HOLY SPIRIT, before GOD the FATHER, in the merits of the SON. AMEN (see Rev 3:14b)!

Through this heart of flesh GOD will perform HIS Word through us - enabling us to minister to the Nations in and by and through the actual performance of HIS Word (see Jer 1:11-12; Matt 5:17-18; Luke 22:15-16; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:19) firstly in us and, consequently through us in all that YESHUA ADONAI has achieved in us (see Heb 12:2a) by Blood Covenant mediated into the functional dynamics of our inward parts (see Heb 9:15; 3:1; 7:25).

Doing all things by the HOLY SPIRIT - through the fullness of CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2) alive within us - **is a Word defined actuality** that derives from the **FATHER's will manifested by Covenant *into*** the tablets of our heart (see Eph 1:9-10, 9-14, 3-6, 17-23; 2 Cor 3,6, **NKJV**; Jer 31:31-34; Eze 36:25-27; Jer 24:7; Matt 5:17-18; Deut 30:6,8; 29:29).

The prophet Isaiah (in Isa 60:1-5, 7) declares: < **Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you, and HIS Glory will appear upon you.

And nations will come to *your* light (Ps 36:9c; John 8:12c), **and kings to the brightness of *your* rising** (see Matt 5:14-16).

Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, <u>they come to *you*</u>. Your sons will come from afar, and your daughters will be carried in the arms.

Then *you* <u>will see and be radiant</u>, and *your* <u>heart will thrill and rejoice</u>; because the abundance of the sea will be turned to *you*, <u>the wealth of the nations will come to *you*</u>.

All the flocks of <u>Kedar</u> (see Gen 25:12-13) **will be gathered together to you, the rams of <u>Nebaioth</u>** (see Gen 25:12-13) **will minister to you; <u>they will go up with acceptance on MY Altar</u>.** >

It is crucial to note that the meaning and satisfaction of our lives are intimately tied to the salvation of the Nations, **<u>and especially</u>** to the salvation of the natural sons of Abraham - through Isaac and Ishmael (see Isa 19:23-25; 60:10-22; Jer 33:25-26).

Jeremiah 33:25-26 reads: < **Thus says the LORD, "If MY Covenant for day and night stand not, and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established, then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David MY servant, not taking from his descendants** [David's descendants] ***<u>rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</u>*. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."** >

Notice that Jeremiah 33:25-26 declares that it is the House of David (see Isa 9:7, 6-7; Rev 22:16; Ps 132:11-12) - expressed from the Root of David, as the Offspring of David and, having the Key of David (see Rev 3:7); and, who are the ***<u>actual</u>*** Offspring of "David's" Body (see Eph 5:30, **<u>KJV</u>**; Ps 132:11-12) - that will reign over the natural sons of Abraham.

The prophet further declares from Isaiah 54:1b-3, 10: < **"…. For the sons of the Desolate One** (see Isa 53) **will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.**

"<u>Enlarge</u> the place of your tent (see Ps 15:1-2; Gen 22:14; Ps 91:1)**; stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pegs.**

For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations, and they will resettle the desolate cities." …..

"For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but MY lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and MY Covenant of Peace will not be shaken," says the LORD WHO has compassion on you. >

The willingness to move into being a Body in **actual functional ministry** is crucial to the destiny, well-being and prosperity of the Church (see Eph 4:11-13, 15-16) - both Jew and Gentile (see Eph 2:11-16, 17-22). The dynamics of our spirituality are ***essentially*** and ***intimately*** tied to the living and growing expression of the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA (see John 1:16-17, KJV+NKJV+NASB; Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:17-20).

We must understand that the dynamics of our spirituality develop - only - in our willingness to actualize and express the fullness of JESUS CHRIST **in ministry** - in service and servanthood. In fact it is only in expressing the Master's Fullness that we come to taste HIM and to know HIM.

All of our potential to minister (to serve) is tied to the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA being formed, developed and expressed through each one of us - by the HOLY SPIRIT - as we discover ourselves in CHRIST JESUS and, give expression to ourselves as unique epistles ***of*** CHRIST (see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Gal 2:20, 3:22; **KJV**)!

It is the fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA that gives actual expression to the New Covenant in hearts of flesh formed and developed in us each.

The New Covenant is a construct in the **substance** (Greek: hupostasis - see Heb 11:1, **KJV**+**NKJV**) of MASHIAH YESHUA's Fullness (see John 1:16-17, **KJV**+**NKJV**+**NASB**) that manifests the **evidence** of the impact of HIS Fullness **in us** (see 1 John 3:3; John 1:16-18, **NASB**).

In the substance of HIS Fullness we become ***actual* partakers *of* CHRIST** having an ***actual confidence*** in HIM and all that stands in HIM (see Heb 3:14, **NKJV**; Matt 17:20) and, all that finds expression in HIM and by HIM by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 8:2; John 14:12-14; 15:7-8, 16; 16:23-27).

From a heart of flesh, we each have the potential of the Word being in our mouths and our hearts in fulfilled terms (see Deut 30:14-15; Jer 31:31-34; 2 Cor 3:3, 6) in a living Witness (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV) that is able to give actual expression to the ministry that GOD has brought alive in us in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST.

We minister in Word and deed. 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NKJV) reads: < **As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of GOD. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of GOD. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which GOD supplies, that in all things GOD may be glorified through JESUS CHRIST, to WHOM belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.** >

What we have in CHRIST JESUS is described in 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NKJV) in the following words: < **For it is the GOD WHO commanded light to shine out of darkness, WHO has shone in *our* hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD in the face of JESUS CHRIST. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of GOD and not of us.** >

The Witness of the Word that we have in our mouth and heart in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is the Witness and Testimony of JESUS CHRIST - the WORD of GOD - that we can communicate by the HOLY SPIRIT in a ministry actuality that has the potentials of a ***many-faceted*** growth in all eternity.

We have the potential of the Witness of HIS Fullness being actually alive for expression in ministry/service to all those in our spheres of influence in the many-faceted realities of family, the work place, friends, the church, society, government etc.. It is in this composite reality that the dynamics of Biblical Spirituality is developed, perfected and completed into purpose and destiny that will grow in eternity **as the workmanship of the living GOD**.

Imagine what Peter says (in 2 Peter 1:19) that a lamp of the Covenant Word prophetically opened in us (see also Prov 20:27; Eze 36:26) has the potential of actually ***becoming*** a Morning Star, in the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness (see Mal 4:2) which is an expression of some measure of the Light of HIM WHO is the Bright Morning Star (see Rev 22:16)!

Notice from Revelation 22:16 that this reality is tied to us becoming sons ***in*** the Root of David and ***as*** the Offspring of David!

The actualization of the dynamics of our spirituality in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT enables us to understand that we are a people chosen for an awesome purpose in eternity by the grace of GOD. We each are a unique expression of the FATHER's Heart. And, please be reminded that the entirety of Biblical Spirituality is exclusive to the revelation of JESUS CHRIST and HIS Fullness to our inward parts.

May you discover the unique design of ***your*** spirituality ***in*** GOD and may the many facets of your spirituality - in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT - unveil you as a living and dynamic blessing in the spheres of influence that GOD opens to you in/from the Mount of the LORD (see Isa 2:2-3; Heb 12:22-24; Ps 24:3-4; 15:1-2; Gen 22:14, KJV+NASB).

AMEN (see Rev 3:14b; 1 John 5:7-8, 10a, **NKJV**; 2 Cor 1:20-22)!

CHAPTER 18

Operating Through The Veil Of HIS Flesh

Hebrews 10:19-20 reads: < **… we have confidence to enter the holy place by the Blood of JESUS, by a new and living way which HE inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, HIS Flesh ….** >.

There is a new and living way through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh. The veil of HIS Flesh opens the reality of functioning in Blood Covenant into our inward parts - given that it is a Covenant of HIS Flesh manifested in a heart of flesh (see 2 Cor 3:3, KJV/NKJV). And, it is in this reality - opened through the veil of HIS Flesh - alive in our hearts, by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, that we become ministers of the New Covenant (see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV).

It is a heart constructed in the flesh of the LAMB that establishes us as ministers of the New Covenant. And, our New Covenant ministry is designed to operate through the veil of HIS Flesh. This reality is prophetically foreshadowed in Genesis 22:14 < **… In the Mount of the LORD it *will* be provided** >. We have access to the Mount of the LORD or, the Hill of the LORD through a pure heart (see Ps 24:3-4). Through this pure heart, we can be stationed in the Mount of the LORD from our inward parts (see Ps 15:1-2) while physically operating on the earth (see 1 Kgs 17:1) - in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

This pure heart is a heart of HIS Flesh. This heart is meant to be ***circumcised*** to yield ***functional*** Covenant realities (see Gen 17:11, 10-14; Deut 10:16; Deut 30:6) in the call upon our lives, through the veil of HIS Flesh (see Eph 1:17-19)! The ***revelations*** that give expression to the parting of the veil of HIS Flesh, open to us the secret things of GOD (see Deut 29:29) that give ***functional expression*** to the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven (see Matt 13:11) according to the call upon our lives (see Eph 4:1b).

By Covenant we are established as Stewards of the Mysteries of GOD (see 1 Cor 4:1) through the Mystery of CHRIST that gives expression to a heart of flesh - where, functions through the veil of HIS Flesh are opened in a living Witness true and faithful (see Rev 3:14b) described in Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:10a, 8) in us.

In the formation of this heart of flesh, ***there are realities behind the veil that open to us*** (see Heb 6:19) **in the SPIRIT of GOD** as we express our hope in JESUS CHRIST (see also 1 John 3:3). We are, through the veil of HIS Flesh, opened to the realities of the Government of GOD that stand in the heavenly places - comprising both angels and saints under the government of the KING of Kings and the LORD of Lords.

Through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh - actualized in a circumcised heart of HIS Flesh manifested in us through the work and ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT - we come to Mount Zion. Mount Zion is the Mount of the LORD that is of particular significance to the end-time Church and its ministry (see Isa 2:2-3; Matt 5:14-16).

Hebrews 12:22-24 explains this many-faceted functional spiritual dynamic that stands behind the veil as follows: < **... You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and the church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to GOD, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, and to JESUS, the mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled Blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.** >

Through the veil of YESHUA's Flesh - ***by Witness ascertained in our inward parts*** - we enter the reality of being raised into positions in HIS government by being actually positioned in the Mount Of The LORD (see Ps 91:1; 24:3-4; **15:1-2**; **Gen 22:14**; Matt 5:8; Isa 33:14-17; Matt 5:14-16).

In the Mount of the LORD we are being opened to the riches of the FATHER's Glory in CHRIST JESUS (see Phil 4:19, 23, 13; John 16:15) in realities that give credence to the ***stewardship*** of the Mysteries Of GOD (see 1 Cor 4:1).

The Mysteries of GOD open to us in and by and through revelations of the Mystery Of CHRIST (see Col 1:26-27; Eph 3-4, 8c-12) that are ***established*** in

a heart of HIS Flesh that is ***circumcised*** by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Rom 2:29) to yield the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven (see Matt 13:11) ***in fully functional terms***! We can function behind the veil through the veil of HIS Flesh!

The veil of HIS Flesh (see Heb 10:19-20) opens the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to us - by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2; John 16:14-15; Rev 4:1; Rev 4-5; Rev 19:10c; Isa 33:16-17)!

The stewardship of the Mysteries of GOD is opened to us through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh. MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh - formed in our heart (see Eze 36:26; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; John 6:51) in a New Covenant that is being mediated into place by the LORD JESUS CHRIST - is the actualization ***in substance*** - of revelation arising in the Mystery of CHRIST that gives functional credence to the Testimony of JESUS in our inward parts!

We are appointed to unveil the Mystery of CHRIST so that the unfathomable riches of CHRIST will be brought to light from our hearts (see 2 Cor 4:6-7; John 16:15, 14-15; 1 Cor 2:9-10, 7-16) for expression in the heavenly places (see Eph 3:8c-11).

Ephesians 3:9-12 (NASB) declares the following about the expression of the Mystery of CHRIST that unfolds through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh: < **To bring to light what is the *administration*** (NKJV - fellowship) **of the Mystery which for ages has been hidden in GOD, WHO created all things; in order that the manifold wisdom of GOD might now be made known through the Church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which HE carried out in CHRIST JESUS our LORD, in WHOM we have boldness and confident access through faith in HIM.** >

This is why Ephesians 1:3-10 declares the following: < **Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places *in CHRIST*, just as HE chose us in HIM before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before HIM. In love HE predestined us to adoption as sons through JESUS CHRIST to HIMSELF, according to the kind intention of HIS will, to the praise of the glory of HIS grace, which HE freely bestowed on us in the BELOVED.**

In HIM we have redemption through HIS Blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of HIS grace, which HE lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight *HE made known to us* the Mystery of HIS Will, according to HIS kind intention which HE purposed in HIM with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in CHRIST, *things in the heavens and things upon the earth*. … >

The veil of HIS Flesh distinguishes between realities in the Kingdom of Heaven, open in the SPIRIT of GOD, from realities in the occult and the spirit realm. YESHUA ADONAI declares that HE is the Door (see John 10:9, 2) and anyone who comes through HIM is a shepherd of the sheep! Anyone who comes by some other door is a thief and robber (see John 10:1).

The veil of HIS Flesh gives us actual access to the Kingdom of Heaven! This access unveils by the HOLY SPIRIT in the Testimony of JESUS - as the Word of GOD becomes flesh in our heart!

This access into the Kingdom of Heaven opens as the HOLY SPIRIT circumcises our heart of flesh (see Rom 2:29; Deut 10:16; 30:6) so that the body of our fallen flesh is removed (see Col 2:11) and, functional realities in and through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh open to us (see Phil 3:3).

The veil of HIS Flesh opens us to realms of Covenant Ministry together with strong angels who perform the Voice of HIS Word (see Ps 103:20, 19-22). Hebrews 1:15 calls the angels **"ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation."**

Angels move into action in consonance with what we are saying when the Voice of GOD's Word arises in the Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood operating within us and amongst us (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, **NKJV**) by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS (see Rom 8:2).

We will continue to pursue the dynamics of spirituality that open through the veil of CHRIST JESUS' Flesh in future writings.

May the LORD open you to the unfathomable riches of CHRIST (MASHIAH) so that the dynamics of your spirituality will yield the wealth of

the FATHER's Heart, so as to unfold you as a growing blessing to others in the Witness and Testimony of JESUS.

The Testimony of JESUS is the Spirit of Prophecy that unveils fulfillment in a Passover reality that positions us as ***functional*** Tabernacles in the secret place of the MOST HIGH - under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY (see Ps 91:1; Luke 24:44-45)! AMEN (see 2 Cor 1:20,22; Rev 3:14b)!

CHAPTER 19

Operating In The Mount Of The LORD

There is a Secret Place designed for our ***functional habitation*** in the Mount of the LORD (see Ps 91:1; Isa 33:16, 14b-17; Ps 15:1-2). In this Secret Place - that opens as a ***functional reality*** in our heart - we have a personal access to the MOST HIGH GOD through a Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV). And, we have a functional position under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY that gives credence to our spirituality, in the context of the fulfillment of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms attained through the substance and Witness of JESUS CHRIST (see Luke 24:44-45; 21:33; Matt 5:17-18) perfected and completed into us by the HOLY SPIRIT.

This Secret Place unveils to our spiritual understanding and function **through the veil of MASHIAH YESHUA's Flesh** by Witness actualized in our inward parts (see 1 John 5:10a, 7-8, NKJV; Heb 10:19-20; 12:22-24) according to the call upon our lives!

There is a Witness of GOD's Word that is being brought into position within us (see Deut 30:14-15; Jer 31:33-34; 2 Cor 3:3) so that we will be able to ***hold a position*** in the Secret Place that GOD has bequeathed to us in the merits of the LAMB - through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT, described in the Witness and Testimony of JESUS alive in our inward parts.

This is a position of authority - some expressed measure of the authority of the LORD JESUS CHRIST - that flows in accordance with the Hidden Manna we have eaten (and digested) and the white stone that gives expression to the peculiar functional position in a GOD-given name that GOD has bequeathed to us in the Name of the LORD JESUS (see Rev 2:17; Col 3:17).

The Witness developed in us - from a heart of HIS Flesh - holds the functional realities of this position that GOD has opened to us through the veil of HIS

Flesh. These functional realities carried in this Witness - alive from hearts circumcised by the HOLY SPIRIT - are a functional expression of the Word that GOD has perfected and brought to a **functional measure of completion** within us. In this functional position we are exclusively the workmanship of GOD, created in CHRIST JESUS for the good works that the HOLY SPIRIT will lead us into and develop from the witness of our inward parts.

Biblical Spirituality results in us being established in a position unveiled to our inward parts in a revealed Blood Covenant actuality that stands behind the veil at the speed of thought (see Heb 6:19). In order to actualize this awesome reality we must ensure that our inward parts function in the Testimony of JESUS in a conviction and confidence that is based on the preeminence of JESUS CHRIST as LORD and BELOVED.

Such a functional actuality is the exclusive ***product*** of the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT and is the crystallization of the heart of the FATHER's will.

May you actualize “your” Secret Place in YHWH-ELYON for the glory of the LORD JESUS CHRIST through the Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood - alive in you. May your heart continue to grow and develop in the substance of the MASTER's Fullness. AMEN!

It is written (in Isa 33:14b-17) : < **… Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning? He who walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity, he who rejects unjust gain, and shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; he who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; he will dwell on the heights; his refuge will be impregnable rock; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure. Your eyes will see the King in HIS Beauty; they will behold a far-distant land.** >

It is written (in Isa 2:2-3) : < **Now it will come about that in the last days, the Mountain of the House of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the House of the GOD of Jacob; that HE may teach us concerning HIS ways, and that we may walk in HIS paths.” For the Law will go forth from Zion, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem.** >

It is written (in Hebrews 12:22-24) : < **... You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and the church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to GOD, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, and to JESUS, the mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled Blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. > AMEN!**

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